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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 16	General revision of laws relating to state parks.	Jan. 3	Bardanouve	Jan. 7	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Jan. 10
HB 41	An act to revise and clarify the Montana alcoholic beverage code in support of recodification.	Jan. 3	Marks	Jan. 10	PUT IN ANOTHER COMMITTEE	Jan. 4
HB 48	An act to clarify state policy on the management of state lands; declaring that state lands shall be managed to yield a broad range of monetary and nonmonetary, etc.	Jan. 3	Bradley	Jan. 10	DO NOT PASS	Jan. 19
HB 111	A bill for an act to change the method of computing the oil producers' severance tax.	Jan. 8	Dassinger	Jan. 18	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Jan. 18
HB 139	An act authorizing and funding an energy stamps program to assist the elderly and disabled of lower income in paying utility bills for winter heating.	Jan. 11	Lynch	Jan. 17	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 19
HB 149	An act to provide for distribution of fees, fines, penalties, and other moneys collected under the hard-rock mining act.	Jan 12	Quillici	Jan. 18	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Jan. 18

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HB 155	To provide that the Dept. of Nat. Res. may approve loans as well as grants under the alternative renewable energy sources program. . .	Jan. 12	Driscoll	Feb. 7	DO PASS	Feb. 8
HB 156	Act to amend to clarify and modify eligibility requirements for loans under the renewable resource development program.	Jan. 12	Driscoll	Feb. 7	DO PASS	Feb. 22
HB 190	A bill for an act entitled: "An act to prohibit the storage of nuclear wastes in Montana."	Jan. 17	Kimble	Jan. 24	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 10
HB 197	An act extending the time for acting on operating permit applications under the hard-rock mine rec. law.	Jan. 17	Quilici	Jan. 25	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 11
HB 204	A bill for an act entitled: "An act to establish an office of energy and resource policy within the Governor's office."	Jan. 17	Meloy	Jan. 31	DO PASS	Jan. 31
HB 254	An act to prohibit the disposal and storage in Montana of nuclear wastes produced in other states.	Jan. 19	Cooney	Feb. 2	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 10

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HB 259	Act to appropriate funds for the study, design, and installation of a solar heating and storage system demonstration project at EMC.	Jan. 19	Kimble	Feb. 3	DO NOT PASS AS Amended	Feb. 19
SB 2	Revise and clarify the laws relating to env. protection	Jan. 20	Blaylock	March 10	CONCURRED IN	March 10
HB 311	Authorizes the Montana Historical society to establish a program for the preservation of selected ghost towns	Jan. 21	Harper	Jan. 31	DO PASS	Feb. 7
HB 329	Prohibits the hunting of grizzly bears except where human lives or livestock are endangered.	Jan. 21	Kessler	Jan. 31	DO NOT PASS	Jan. 31
HJR 19	Urges allocation of new power generated on dams in Montana to go to Montanans first.	Jan. 24	Curtiss	Feb. 14	BE ADOPTED	Feb. 15
HJR 20	Has to do with the proposed Cabin Creek coal development in Canada.	Jan. 24	Kimble	Feb. 2	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 21

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HJR 24	To commend the Great Falls Gas Co. for helping homeowners insulate their homes and encourage other utilities to follow their example	Jan. 24 Returned Feb. 2	Hirsch	Feb. 2 Feb. 10	DO PASS DO PASS	Feb. 2 Feb. 10
HB 390	Create a Cabin Creek task force.	Jan. 24	Kimble	Feb. 2	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 21
HB 425	Reorganize state programs for the encouragement of energy conservation	Jan. 24	Kimble	Feb. 3	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 19
HB 426	Life-cycle cost analysis before any state agency may lease or build a facility	Jan. 24	Meloy	Feb. 2	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 19
HB 430	Clarifies and revises the provision dealing with adoption of the state building code.	Jan. 24	Hirsch	Feb. 3	DO PASS	Feb. 21
HB 431	Amends the siting act.	Jan. 24	Kessler	Feb. 11	<i>Tabled</i> TABLED	<i>Feb. 15</i> Feb. 15

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HB 441	Includes the entire state within the scope of public need as used in the major facility siting act.	Jan. 24	Bradley	Feb. 9	TABLED	Feb. 22
HB 484	Montana Rangeland Resources Act.	Jan. 24	Nathe	Jan. 31	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 4
HJR 35	Affirming the need for a long range Montana timber supply implication study.	Jan. 25	Kimble	Feb. 21	DO PASS	Feb. 22
HJR 40	Supports federal coal strip mine reclamation legislation upon certain conditions.	Jan. 26	Dassinger	Feb. 10	DO PASS	Feb. 10
HB 524	Have the DNR rather than Fish and Game administer the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975"	Jan. 26	Curtiss	Feb. 21	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 19
HB 528	Divisions of land within the corporate limits of a municipality, regardless of size or period when sold, are considered subdivisions.	Jan. 26	Vincent	Feb. 15	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 24

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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 538	To regulate the exercise of the power of eminent domain by certain persons; DNR approval needed to condemn reservoir sites.	Jan. 26	Nathe	Feb. 17	Referred to Judiciary	Feb. 16
HB 540	To revise the rate of privilege and license tax assessed to oil and gas operators.	Jan. 26	Aageson	Feb. 4	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 4
HB 542	Providing for the filing of a 1 year notice of intention to file an application for a certificate under the major facility siting act.	Jan. 26	Hirsch	Feb. 9	DO PASS	Feb. 15
HB 543	Act amending the subdivision and platting act.	Jan. 26	Bradley	Feb. 15	WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION	Feb. 24
HB 550	Subdivided land may not be assessed as agricultural land.	Jan. 26	Vincent	Feb. 15	DO PASS	Feb. 24
HB 553	Act to encourage exploration for natural gas by exempting new gas production consumed in Montana from the net proceeds tax for a 2 year period	Jan. 27	Driscoll	Feb. 10	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 19

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HJR 42	In support of passage of a federal strip mine and reclamation act by congress	Jan. 27 <u>Feb. 15</u>	Kessler	Feb. 10	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 10
HB 561	Changes the definition of marketable coal.	Jan. 28	Metcalf	Feb. 8	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Feb. 17
HB 577	Provides for a rec. and revegetation plan which permits placing land into crop production or irrigated pasture.	Jan. 28	Conroy	Feb. 8	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 15
HB 588	Places the enforcement of the open-cut mining act in the AG's office; provides for allocation of fines, etc.	Jan. 28	Harper	Feb. 21	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 22
HB 592	Amends the Montana Env. Policy Act; specifies the duties of the gov. concerning environmental affairs.	Jan. 28	Meloy	Feb. 18	DO PASS	Feb. 24
HB 593	Amends the Montana Major Facility Siting Act by reducing the time periods and organizing the study, etc.	Jan. 28	Conroy	Feb. 9	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 24 ³

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HB 604	Act relating to reclamation of mining lands.	Jan. 29	Shelden	Feb. 18	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 23
HB 609	An act establishing a major facility siting task force.	Jan. 29	Kimble	Feb. 11	TABLED	Feb. 19
HB 614	Amends Montana subdivision act by eliminating the examining land surveyor and review of final plats by land surveyor.	Jan. 29	Pisotoria	Feb. 15	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 23
SB 128	To provide that timber from state forests may be sold on an accelerated adv. schedule in emergency cases.	Jan. 31	Brown	March 10	CONCURRED IN	March 10
HJR 48	The legislature establishes a position on the Sask. coal-fired power plant complex 4 miles north of Montana border	Jan. 31	Nathe	Feb. 14	DO PASS	Feb. 14
HB 631	An act to encourage the production of natural gas by providing incentives to producers of natural gas.	Jan. 31	Driscoll	Feb. 10	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 21

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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
SB 110	Encourage development in harmony with the natural environment and to repeal the requirement of a finding that subdivisions be in the public interest.	Feb. 2	Dover	March 4	DO NOT PASS	March 9
HB 661	Act revising the application, study, and hearing procedures under the major facility siting act.	Feb. 3	Bardanoue	Feb. 9	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 22
HB 662	Directs the EQC to conduct an env. policy planning and legislation study.	Feb. 3	Nathe	Feb. 18	AS AMENDED DO NOT PASS	Feb. 24
HB 665	Act to provide flexibility to the department of social and rehabilitation services in administering energy assistance programs.	Feb. 3	Holmes			
SB 111	Act to define the term "enhanced recovery" to sub. "enhanced recovery" for the terms "secondary recovery" and "pressure maintenance"	Feb. 3	Mathers	March 7	AS AMENDED CONCURRED IN	March 17
HJR 39	Adopt policies for the establishment of conservation education programs in public schools.	Feb. 3	Shelden	Feb. 14	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 19

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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 679	Act providing for the org., fin., admin., operation and maintenance of a county alternative energy district.	Feb. 4	Meloy	Feb. 17	DO PASS	Feb. 21
HB 687	Act to create within the DNR the Mont. commission for the research of coal gasification and related fuels.	Feb. 4	Lynch	Feb. 16	DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 19
HB 689	Act to allow investment credit against corporation license taxes for coal-fired boilers installed to replace oil- and gas-fired boilers.	Feb. 4	Frates	Feb. 17	TABLED REREFERRED TO TAXATION	Feb. 23 Feb. 25
HB 692	Act banning the use of outdoor gas torches, lamps and other devices used for decoration or adv. purposes.	Feb. 5	Bradley	Feb. 16	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 19
HB 697	Act to designate the public service commission as the decision making authority under the major facility siting act.	Feb. 5	Huennekens	Feb. 11	DO PASS	Feb. 19
HB 698	Restricts the construction of new energy facilities to those providing energy primarily for the people of Montana	Feb. 5	Huennekens	Feb. 14	TABLED	Feb. 19

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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 701	Act to expand the existing weatherization program administered by the dept. of community affairs.	Feb. 5	Frates	Feb. 14	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 19
HB 702	Act to bring certain mineral processing plants under the major facility siting act	Feb. 5	Huennekens	Feb. 11	TABLED	Feb. 19
HB 703	Act to provide for the recreational use of certain state lands.	Feb. 5	Huennekens	Feb. 21	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 23
HB 424	Allow Montana Indian tribes to purchase state lands located within the exterior boundaries of an Indian reservation.	Feb. 7	Kimble		Bill went to St. Administration	Feb. 12
HB 473	Act imposing a tax on the privilege of consuming water in a coal gasification plant	Feb. 7	Waldron	Feb. 16	NO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	Feb. 17
HB 717	Act adding certain railroad tracks to facilities subject to the major facility siting act	Feb. 7	Meloy	Feb. 18	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 23

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SJR 14	Directing state agencies on EIS to minimize duplication of effort, expense, and time spent in their preparation	Feb. 7	Story	March 14	AS AMENDED CONCURRED IN	March 14
SJR 18	Requests Congress to refrain from usurping the authority of the state of Montana regarding regulation of surface mining.	Feb. 7	Boylan	March 14	CONCURRED IN	March 14
HB 722	Abandonment of certain mineral interests by persons other than the surface owner; quiet title action	Feb. 8	Hirsch	Feb. 16	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Feb. 23
HB731	Develop energy conservation provisions for inclusion in the state building code	Feb. 8	Hirsch	Feb. 16	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 21
HB 732	Act to establish a Montana Energy Conservation and renewable resource financial assistance program for existing dwelling units.	Feb. 8	Harper	Feb. 17	Tabled	Feb. 17
HB 733	Act to establish and appropriate funds for a program of home winterization grants.	Feb. 8	Frates	Feb. 17	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 19

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HB 740	Requires licensed real estate brokers and salesmen to provide information concerning conservation of heat in certain buildings	Feb. 9	Vincent	Feb. 22	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 24
SB 268	Continues moratorium on solution extraction of uranium until April 1, 1978.	Feb. 9	Graham	March 22	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	March 29
HB 753	Act to provide for the labeling of appliances for energy efficiency; to prescribe powers to the director of the dept. of business regulation.	Feb. 10	Bradley	Feb. 22	TABLED	Feb. 23
HB 754	Act providing for the coal tax trust fund within the unified investment programs directing the investment of fund in energy cons. matters	Feb. 10	Meloy	Feb. 22	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Feb. 24
HJR 21	To study the Sun-Teton unit of the Missouri River Basin project in light of present economic, social and tech. conditions.	Feb. 11	Fabrega	Feb. 14	Do pass	Feb. 14
HB 292	Transfers energy cons. incentive from property tax to the income and corporation license tax as deductions	Feb. 11	Meloy		DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 15

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HB 762	Act to establish necessary energy powers from the gov. defining conditions under which such powers are to be exercised; providing penalties.	Feb. 11	Bradley	Feb. 14	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Feb. 24
HB 770	Creates a commission to designate areas of state concern; establishing criteria for designation of such areas; setting forth procedures, etc.	Feb. 12	Harper	Feb. 23	AS AMENDED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION	Feb. 24
HB 776	Act to create the Montana Commission for the demonstration and development of renewable energy sources; providing for its powers, functions and duties.	Feb. 12	Vincent	Feb. 21	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 24
SB 225	Allow offers and contracts for sale or lease before a final subdivision plat is filed of record.	Feb. 12	Story	March 9	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	April 6
HB 785	Related to energy resource emergencies--governor has the power to curtail sale of energy resources during emergencies or disasters.	Feb. 15	Hand	Feb. 22	TABLED	Feb. 24
HJR 70	Requests Congress to initiate negotiations with Canada for a boundary treaty for air quality protection.	Feb. 15	Nathe	Feb. 22	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Feb. 23

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HJR 71	Study on the regulation of solution mining of potash and to recommend legislation to next legislature.	Feb. 15	Nathe	Feb. 22	AS AMENDED DO PASS	Feb. 23
HJR 75	Urges local school districts to implement energy conservation programs, etc.	Feb. 16	NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE	Feb. 21	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 21
SB 195	Requires park and playground dedication only when density demands; to eliminate cash donations in lieu of dedication; etc.	Feb. 16	Flynn	March 11	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	April 6
HJR 83	Requests the Congress to appropriate funds for the complete reconstruction of Fort Union Trading Post.	Feb. 18	NAT. RES. COMMITTEE		DO PASS	Feb. 23
SB 224	Allows a simplified procedure for subdivisions within master plan areas	Feb. 18	Story	March 9	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	April 6
SB 48	Act to repeal the renewable resource development program.	Feb. 19	Mathers	March 18	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	March 30

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SB 302	Amends the Mont. Env. Policy Act to specify that the Act does not expand the substantive decisions making authority of state agencies, etc.	Feb. 22	Roskie	March 21	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	April 6
SB 314	Changes the method of filling vacancies on the EQC.	Feb. 22	Hager	March 11	CONCURRED IN	March 11
SB 173	Requires that at least 1/2 of the annual expenditures of the F&G acquisitions be used to purchase the development rights of, etc.	Feb. 23	Jergeson	March 17	BE NOT CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED	March 29
SB 284	Relates to the rec. and revegetation of lands affected by strip-mining operations in the state of Montana.	Feb. 23	Thiessen	March 15	NOT CONCURRED IN	March 23
SB 298	Transfers certain duties to the DNR from the Dept. of Adm. under the renewable resource development program.	Feb. 25	Hazelbaker	March 23	BE CONCURRED IN	March 23
SB 227	Relative to the imposition of conditions after approval of a preliminary plat.	Feb. 26	Story	March 9	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	April 6

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SJR 22	Requests the Congress of the US to deregulate the price of natural gas.	Feb. 26	Hager	March 11	CONCURRED IN	March 11
SJR 23	To send delegates to the Western States Forestry Task Force	Feb. 26	Brown	March 10	CONCURRED IN	March 10
SJR 24	Expresses support for the construction of additional hydroelectric generation capacity at the Fort Peck Project	Feb. 26	Jergeson	March 17	CONCURRED IN	March 17
SJR 4	Directs the select committee of legislators study alternative forms for the administration of state forestry laws.	March 3	Manley	March 10	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	March 23
SJR 17	Urges public authorities to seek a distribution point for MT along any arctic gas pipeline which may be constructed	Mar. 3	E. Smith	March 11	CONCURRED IN	March 11
SJR 42	Directs research of the feasibility of converting wheat and barley into alcohol creating both a new use for wheat and an alternative energy source.	Mar. 3	Dover	March 15	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	March 23

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SB 175	Creating a solid waste management program	Mar. 3	Warden	March 16	AS AMENDED BE NOT CONCURRED IN	April 6
SB 200	Providing control over the storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes.	Mar. 3	Warden	March 16	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	April 6
SB 381	Deleting the cumulative definition of large open cut mining operations.	Mar. 3	Etchart	March 23	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	March 30
SB 401	Consolidating administrative functions regarding building codes	Mar. 3	Lowe		Rereferred to State Admin.	March 7
SB 226	Shortening the time for processing petitions for removal of sanitary restrictions.	March 7	Story	March 9	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	April 6
HJR 90	Encourage and permit the construction of appropriate port facilities for unloading crude oil for shipment by pipeline to the northern states, including	Mar. 10	Williams	March 18	DO PASS	March 23

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SB 310	Gives the department of health the power to inspect water supply and sewage disposal systems.	Mar. 10	Roberts	March 17	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	April 6
SB 247	Provides that filing fees collected under the major facility siting act be used to collect information to render a decision on a cert.	Mar. 17	Dover	March 24	BE NOT CONCURRED In	March 29
SB 324	Revising the Montana Major Facility Siting Act.	Mar. 17	Dunkle	March 24	AS AMENDED BE NOT CONCURRED IN	April 6
SB 167	Provides incentives for the installation of solar or other nonfossil forms of energy generation.	March 23	Rasmussen	March 29	BE CONCURRED IN <i>went to Appropriations</i>	March 29
HJR 94	Requests federal funding for the national magnetohydrodynamic energy extraction program.	March 23	Cooney	March 29	DO PASS	March 29
HJR 97	Urges the FPC to withdraw its limitation on the number of new natural gas connections which can be made in 1977 by MDU	March 31	Ramirez	April 6	AS AMENDED DO PASS	April 6

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