

MINUTES OF MEETING
SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES
March 27, 1981

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Senator Harold Dover, Chairman, at 5:35 P.M., on the above date in Room 405.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

DISPOSITION OF HJR 32: Senator Dover explained that Larry Fasbender has furnished the committee with an amendment to this resolution which would delete the body of the resolution and replace it with the amendment. The amendment would update the resolution so that Montana may negotiate for a compact with the State of Washington for disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

Senator Elliott moved the amendment. The amendment passed unanimously.

Senator Elliott moved the bill be concurred in as amended.

Senator Keating said what this does is allow the Governor to join the compact so that we can dump our waste in Washington.

Senator Ryan asked if a compact agreement between states is reciprocal and if so he questions whether we will have to create a dump in Montana for Washington.

Senator Dover said that is a good question and we had better find the answer before we allow it on the floor.

Senator Manley said to take it to the rules committee.


Senator Keating said that this provides for the continued disposal of radioactive waste and if we have a part of the compact for disposal there, we still have the profit of dumping there. He does not see where it changes our status at all.

Senator Ryan said it is guaranteed to change something or we wouldn't be negotiating.

Senator Van Valkenburg said we must agree to deliver our waste in some safe way and in certain packages. That is what we do in return for them agreeing to accept it.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.



HAROLD DOVER, Chairman

ROLL CALL
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Harold Dover, Chairman	✓		
Mark Etchart, Vice Chairman	✓		
Thomas Keating	✓		
Roger Elliott	✓		
Larry Tveit	✓		
Jesse O'Hara	✓		
John Manley	✓		
William Hafferman	✓		
Steve Brown	✓		
Dave Manning	✓ <i>minutes log</i>		
Patrick Ryan	✓		
Fred Van Valkenburg	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

WHEREAS, the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho have negotiated and are considering in their present legislative sessions ratification of the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management; and

WHEREAS, this compact would allow Montana to become a party by executive order or action of the Governor on a temporary basis until final adjournment of the 48th Session of the Montana Legislature or July 1, 1983, whichever occurs first.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That, contingent upon the ratification by the State of Washington and one or more other interested states in the region, the Governor of Montana shall take appropriate executive action designating Montana as a party to this Compact on a temporary basis for the purpose of allowing continued disposal of Montana generated low-level radioactive wastes at the Hanford, Washington disposal site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor's action designating Montana as a temporary compact party expire on the date of final adjournment of the 48th Session of the Montana Legislature or July 1, 1983, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor shall analyze the implications of Montana's long term participation in the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management and report his findings to the legislature on or before October 1, 1982; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor shall present the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management to the 48th Session of the Montana Legislature for its review and ratification if the Governor ~~deems~~ such presentation appropriate.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** Bill No. **42**

D. BROWN

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** Bill No. **42**

third reading copy, be amended as follows:

1. Pages 1 and 2

Strike: Lines 11-25 on page 1 and lines 1-14 on page 2

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And, as so amended,
BE CONCURRED IN