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House BILL NO. *505*
Richard Meloy Duwel Rasmussen

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WHEREAS, said resolution was not acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the Charles M. Russell mural must be protected from vandalism and accidental damage.

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located in the Montana House of Representatives. Prior to letting such contract, the department shall consult with the Montana Historical Society concerning the best available material to use for constructing the ledge and any related details. Any moneys unexpended upon completion of the contract shall revert to the general fund.

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