

HOUSE BILL NO. 908

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MOORE, SALES, PORTER, GILLIGAN, RAMIREZ, DUSSAULT,
VINCENT, GERKE, MENAHAN, WOOD, HARRINGTON, FABREGA

IN THE HOUSE

March 10, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
March 24, 1979	Committee recommend bill do not pass. Report adopted.
March 26, 1979	Objection raised to adverse committee report. Bill placed on second reading. Printed and placed on members' desks.
March 27, 1979	Second reading, do pass as amended. Correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

March 27, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.
April 11, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
April 12, 1979	Motion pass consideration.
April 13, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
April 17, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

April 18, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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Measure Sales

House BILL NO. 908 *Last but not least*
INTRODUCED BY *Timber* *Wally* *Robert* *Daily*
John *Billings* *Ramirez* *Neusant* *VINCENT*
Harrington *Wade*

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23 areas of Great Falls, Glasgow, Billings, Bozeman-Livingston,
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Comm. on Appropriations

Objection Raised to Adverse Committee Report

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