

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY HAND, CONROY, JOHNSTON, LIEN, KANDUCH,
ROTH, BURNETT, KEYSER, NATHE, VINGER, PISTORIA,
UNDERDAL, HAYNE, HURWITZ, JENSEN, STOBIE, GOULD

IN THE HOUSE

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| January 13, 1979 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game. |
| February 20, 1979 | Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. |
| February 22, 1979 | Second reading, do pass as amended. |
| February 23, 1979 | Correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house. |

IN THE SENATE

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| February 23, 1979 | Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources. |
| March 20, 1979 | Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted. |
| March 22, 1979 | Second reading, pass consideration. |
| March 23, 1979 | Second reading, concurred in. |
| March 26, 1979 | Third reading, concured in. |

IN THE HOUSE

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| March 27, 1979 | Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled. |
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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Head, Gouray, Shuck, Sean, Kradich,*
 3 *Roth, Summit, Heyden, NATHAN VINGER, Astoria,*
 4 *Chudradal, [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear]*
 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF

5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PRESIDENT
 6 OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, AND OTHERS
 7 IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER
 8 DESIGNATING WILDERNESS AREAS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE
 9 STATE AFFECTED; REQUESTING THAT LANDS UNDER STUDY FOR
 10 WILDERNESS DESIGNATION BE RETURNED TO MULTIPLE-USE
 11 MANAGEMENT; AND REQUESTING THAT LANDS PRESENTLY DESIGNATED
 12 AS WILDERNESS BE REEVALUATED FOR POSSIBLE RETURN TO MULTIPLE
 13 USE.

15 WHEREAS, additional acreage in the Western States is
 16 being considered for inclusion in the National Wilderness
 17 Preservation System; and

18 WHEREAS, the designation of large areas of the Western
 19 States as federal wilderness restricts or eliminates access
 20 by the great majority of Americans who, by choice or
 21 necessity, travel into those areas with some form of
 22 motorized vehicle; prohibits the harvesting of mature and
 23 overmature timber essential for the building of America's
 24 homes and businesses; prevents the development of needed
 25 mineral resources and makes difficult the improvement of

1 rangeland by the reseeding of grasses and the eradication of
 2 undesirable vegetation; interferes with the control of
 3 forest fires, insect damage, and diseases and the
 4 development of water resources, thereby limiting the
 5 national food supply and decreasing the value of wildlife
 6 habitat; and

7 WHEREAS, the federal government has advanced a wide
 8 variety of other programs all of which encroach upon the
 9 land, water, and other natural resource management decisions
 10 of the several states, including, in addition to wilderness,
 11 roadless and essentially roadless study areas, primitive,
 12 wild, and scenic rivers, and other administrative and
 13 statutory designations for areas managed in a highly
 14 restrictive manner resulting in de facto wilderness; and

15 WHEREAS, each of these programs and others create an
 16 allocation of the natural resources within the states
 17 without regard to state policy decisions, state objectives,
 18 or economic well-being; and

19 WHEREAS, these federal program decisions, from which
 20 state policymakers are excluded, work to subvert the ability
 21 of the states and their citizens to govern themselves and
 22 work to reduce employment opportunities in the private
 23 sector; and

24 WHEREAS, the Roadless Area Review Evaluation II Study
 25 (RARE II) apparently has, as its purpose, the expansion of

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 INTRODUCED BILL

1 the wilderness system by the inclusion of additional large
 2 tracts of western lands, which is to be accomplished without
 3 sufficient responsiveness to or consultation, communication,
 4 or involvement with the state and local governments
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6 WHEREAS, while federal lands belong to the entire
 7 citizenry of the nation and should be managed under
 8 multiple-use concepts consistent with the Multiple-Use
 9 Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 for the benefit of all, state
 10 interests should be of the highest priority, followed by
 11 regional and national interests, except in cases of national
 12 security.

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

16 That the United States Congress and federal land
 17 administration agencies are urged to adopt a federal policy
 18 governing all programs to manage and allocate the resources
 19 within the states to involve local decision makers.
 20 Specifically, the legislature urges that no additional
 21 lands, waters, or other resources be set aside or withdrawn
 22 without the specific approval of the governor and the
 23 legislature of the affected states. This policy shall be
 24 applicable to all federal programs involving further
 25 encroachment upon natural resources located within the

1 states and should be universally adopted by the Congress and
 2 the Administration in recognition of the proper role of the
 3 states within the federal system.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those lands presently
 5 inventoried for study as to wilderness suitability and that
 6 are not presently designated wilderness shall be immediately
 7 returned to multiple-use management consistent with the
 8 Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those areas presently in
 10 the National Wilderness Preservation System be reevaluated
 11 for their possible return to multiple-use management. In
 12 order to accomplish the review of suitability of any lands
 13 in the National Wilderness Preservation System, the
 14 legislature urges the U.S. Congress through its appropriate
 15 committees, to confer with and seek the cooperation and
 16 participation of the state and local governments affected by
 17 such action.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
 19 shall forward copies of this joint resolution to the
 20 Honorable President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, the
 21 Honorable Secretary of the Interior, Cecil D. Andrus, the
 22 Honorable Secretary of Agriculture, Robert S. Bergland, the
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1 WHEREAS, the Roadless Area Review Evaluation II Study
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