

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11
INTRODUCED BY GESEK, HUENNEKENS, DUSSAULT

IN THE HOUSE

January 24, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
February 19, 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

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Safety.
March 17, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 20, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 22, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

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March 22, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING THE
 6 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE METHOD OF
 7 ESTABLISHING PER DIEM RATES AND THE METHOD OF ASSESSING
 8 PATIENT CHARGES FOR WARM SPRINGS STATE HOSPITAL.

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 10 WHEREAS, some Montana citizens find themselves either
 11 temporarily or permanently in need of intensive psychiatric
 12 services; and

13 WHEREAS, many such persons are confined at Warm Springs
 14 State Hospital; and

15 WHEREAS, the cost of confinement at any medical
 16 facility is currently greater than the average citizen can
 17 bear; and

18 WHEREAS, most private health insurance policies and
 19 public medical assistance programs do not cover the cost of
 20 treatment for mental illness; and

21 WHEREAS, the per diem rates charged by Warm Springs
 22 State Hospital seem far higher than comparable private
 23 facilities' rates; and

24 WHEREAS, these already high rates do not include
 25 ancillary costs such as medicines, supplies, etc., for which

1 the patient is charged extra; and
 2 WHEREAS, the current method of assessing charges by
 3 dividing the gross daily cost by the full-time equivalent
 4 patient load does not seem to provide an adequate measure of
 5 the cost of the services actually received by individual
 6 patients.

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 8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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10 That the Governor's Office of Budget and Program
 11 Planning be requested to undertake an in-depth study of the
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 13 assessing patient charges at Warm Springs State Hospital.

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