

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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IN THE HOUSE

January 29, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
February 13, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 14, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 15, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 16, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 17, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 3, 1979	Committee recommend bill concurred in. Report adopted.
March 6, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 8, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

March 9, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO ASSIGN A JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE NEED FOR ENERGY FORECASTING IN THE STATE BY AN AGENCY OR AGENCIES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA.

WHEREAS, the determination of the future availability of and demand for all forms of energy, including but not limited to electricity, natural gas, crude oil, propane, heating oil, coal, and diesel fuel, is a matter of utmost concern to all citizens of the state of Montana; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of the end uses of all forms of energy is an essential part of determining the future availability of and demand for energy; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Major Facility Siting Act requires the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation to determine that a need exists for a facility before it may issue a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need;

and

WHEREAS, such a need determination must, in order to avoid placing an undue burden on interstate commerce, be

based upon both existing and projected energy demands in Montana and its surrounding regions; and

WHEREAS, any determination of future energy demands must rely upon the highly technical practice of energy load forecasting, of which there are numerous methods; and

WHEREAS, energy load forecasts of future Montana and regional energy demands are constantly prepared and updated by public utilities, rural electric cooperatives, federal governmental agencies, such as the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bonneville Power Administration, involved in the supply of energy and a variety of organizations concerned with assuring an adequate future supply of energy at the lowest possible rates; and

WHEREAS, discussion has developed in recent months concerning the desirability of an agency or agencies of the state of Montana being funded to perform an independent energy load forecasting function; and

WHEREAS, such an independent forecasting capability would be costly to develop and maintain, and the forecasts developed would be used only sporadically such as for cases involving generating facilities before the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, such an independent forecasting capability may duplicate a function which might be adequately performed at the present by private enterprise, federal governmental

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 4 *Samuel, Shaver, Meyer*
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