

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

IN THE HOUSE

February 6, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
February 20, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do not pass.
February 21, 1979	Report adopted.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. **29**
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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE MONTANA
 6 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND
 7 PRACTICALITY OF INTRODUCING THE WHITE AMUR (GRASS CARP) INTO
 8 GEORGETOWN LAKE FOR PURPOSES OF WEED CONTROL.
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10 WHEREAS, aquatic weed growth presents one of the major
 11 problems in fishponds because it interferes with fishing,
 12 decomposes and usurps oxygen needed by fish, and consumes
 13 the nutrients in the pond, making the pond less fertile; and

14 WHEREAS, biological control is more desirable than
 15 mechanical control because of the lasting effect; and

16 WHEREAS, various species of fish have been tried for
 17 biological control of weeds and white amur (grass carp) has
 18 proved to be very effective for a large variety of
 19 submergents, emergents, and filamentous algae; and

20 WHEREAS, the white amur (grass carp) may be well suited
 21 for biological control of weeds in Georgetown Lake, thereby
 22 increasing the fishing qualities of the lake; and

23 WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Fish and Game
 24 possesses the expertise to evaluate the merits of
 25 introducing the white amur (grass carp) into Georgetown

1 Lake.
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 3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 4 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

5 That the Montana Department of Fish and Game is
 6 encouraged to study the feasibility and practicality of
 7 introducing the white amur (grass carp) into Georgetown Lake
 8 for purposes of weed control to increase the fishing
 9 qualities of the lake.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Department of
 11 Fish and Game is encouraged to implement the introduction of
 12 the white amur (grass carp) into Georgetown Lake if the
 13 results of the study reveal that such action would be
 14 beneficial and practical.

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