

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

IN THE HOUSE

February 12, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 20, 1979	Committee recommend bill, do pass.
February 22, 1979	Second reading, as amended.
February 23, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed.

IN THE SENATE

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 16, 1979	Committee recommend bill, concurred.
March 19, 1979	Motion, pass consideration.
March 20, 1979	Second reading, concurred.
March 22, 1979	On motion, taken from Committee on Bills and Journal and referred to second reading.
March 23, 1979	Second reading, pass consideration.
March 24, 1979	Motion, pass consideration.
March 26, 1979	Second reading, indefinitely postponed, as amended.

IN THE HOUSE

March 27, 1979	Returned from Senate, indefinitely postponed, as amended.
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 2 INTRODUCED BY *DENNIS NATHAN* *Liam Day*  
 3 *Rayla Hunsicker*

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING DEVELOPMENT  
 6 OF THE MISSOURI RIVER CHANNEL IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE BARGE  
 7 TRAFFIC TO TRANSPORT CEREAL GRAINS AND OTHER CARGO.

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 9 WHEREAS, the Missouri River is a navigable river for  
 10 barge traffic from Yankton, South Dakota, southward to its  
 11 confluence with the Mississippi River; and

12 WHEREAS, the Missouri River, through development of its  
 13 channel, could be made available for barge traffic from  
 14 Yankton, South Dakota, to Fort Benton, Montana, and the  
 15 Yellowstone River, through development of its channel, could  
 16 be made available for barge traffic from Billings, Montana,  
 17 to its confluence with the Missouri River; and

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 19 Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota are transported  
 20 primarily by the rail transportation industry, which  
 21 presently enjoys a monopoly over the transport of cereal  
 22 grains; and

23 WHEREAS, the Interstate Commerce Commission has  
 24 displayed little outward concern over the exorbitant freight  
 25 rates charged by the rail transportation industry for the

1 transport of cereal grains from Montana, North Dakota, and  
 2 South Dakota; and

3 WHEREAS, the rail transportation industry, in spite of  
 4 the excessive freight rates charged, is not able to meet the  
 5 transportation needs of cereal grain growers in Montana,  
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 8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
 9 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 11 Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota are urged to seek  
 12 funding for the development of the Missouri River channel  
 13 and Yellowstone River channel in order to accommodate barge  
 14 traffic from Yankton, South Dakota, to Fort Benton, Montana,  
 15 and Billings, Montana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Army Corps of  
 17 Engineers be directed to proceed with development of the  
 18 channels of the Missouri River and Yellowstone River  
 19 immediately upon funding of such project.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State is  
 21 directed to send copies of this resolution to the Governors  
 22 of Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota; the United  
 23 States Congressional Delegations of Montana, North Dakota,  
 24 and South Dakota; the Legislatures of North Dakota and South  
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 INTRODUCED BILL

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