

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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IN THE HOUSE

February 14, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February 20, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 22, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 23, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 12, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 14, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 17, 1979	Third reading, concurred in as amended.

IN THE HOUSE

March 19, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in as amended.
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March 20, 1979

On motion passed until
71st Legislative Day.

March 29, 1979

On motion by chief sponsor
Representatives Yardley, et al
were added as authors to the
prefiled bill.

March 30, 1979

Second reading, amendments
adopted.

March 31, 1979

Third reading, amendments
adopted. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
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O'Hara

WHEREAS, rail transportation is critically important to agriculture and the entire economy of Montana, and agriculture and industry in Montana are vitally in need of adequate and efficient rail transportation; and

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March 12, 1979

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Highways and Transportation)

That House Joint Resolution No. 43 be amended as follows:

Page 3.

Following: line 4

Insert: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature supports the expansion of markets for Montana products including but not limited to agricultural and forest products and coal resources and other minerals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that priority consideration for maintaining the Milwaukee Road is required to facilitate movement of such products and associated services."

Page 3.

Following: line 12

Insert: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of Montana's Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the bankruptcy court in the Milwaukee Road case, and to the trustee of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad attesting the adoption of this joint resolution by the 46th Legislature of the State of Montana."