

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 60

INTRODUCED BY NATHE, BERTELSEN, LIEN, HIRSCH,
M. ANDERSON, E. SMITH, HAGER, DASSINGER, SHELDEN,
ROSKIE, DOVER, HAFFERMAN, THOMAS, RASMUSSEN

IN THE HOUSE

March 17, 1979	On motion, rules suspended. Bill allowed to be introduced.
March 22, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 30, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
March 31, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
April 2, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
April 3, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

April 4, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
April 7, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
April 9, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
April 11, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

April 12, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurrent in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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 4 *Dassinger, Skelder Robie Over Hafferman Thomas*
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
 6 COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO ASSIGN THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
 7 COUNCIL TO STUDY THE LAWS RELATING TO REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR
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Approved by Committee
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