

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

INTRODUCED BY HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE, DAY

IN THE HOUSE

March 24, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation.
April 2, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
April 3, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks. Second reading, do pass.
April 4, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

April 5, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
April 10, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 11, 1979	Motion pass consideration.
April 12, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
April 13, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

April 16, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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 16 seeds that it elects to certify; and

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 21 facilities on a contract basis; and

22 WHEREAS, in order to develop a new method for seed
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1 Department of Agriculture, Montana State University, and
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3 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Board of Regents
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 13 interested parties.

14 (2) That the study include at least the following:

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 16 Agriculture, Montana State University, the interim
 17 committee, private associations or incorporated entities
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 19 State University, and any other groups considered interested
 20 parties by the interim committee; and

21 (b) an evaluation of the methods of seed certification
 22 employed by other major seed producing states.

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