

HOUSE RESOLUTION 5

IN THE HOUSE

April 18, 1979

On motion, rules suspended and
bill allowed to be introduced
and placed on second reading
this day.

Committee of the whole recommended
that resolution not be adopted.
Report adopted.

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5
2 INTRODUCED BY Reichert

4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA URGING THE VOTERS OF MONTANA TO CONSIDER A
6 UNICAMERAL (OR ONE-HOUSE) LEGISLATURE.

8 WHEREAS, in Session after Session, there is a final
9 confrontation between the House of Representatives and the
10 Senate; and

11 WHEREAS, both Houses are now based on population and
12 serve the same constituency; and

13 WHEREAS, Montana could well be served by reducing the
14 size of the Legislature by one-third; and

15 WHEREAS, one chamber would result in a better and more
16 responsive Legislature because it would:

17 (1) increase efficiency;
18 (2) fix responsibility more clearly;
19 (3) reduce costs by reducing the number of legislators
20 and bills;

21 (4) eliminate duplication, transmittal deadlines,
22 conference committees, and rivalry between Houses;

23 (5) make it easier for citizens to follow the progress
24 of bills;

25 (6) reduce confusion, buck-passing, and the power of

1 special interests.

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3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
5 That Montana voters are urged to seriously consider
6 placing the choice of a one- or two-House Legislature on the
7 ballot in November, 1980.

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