

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

INTRODUCED BY KANDUCH, HURWITZ, ROSKIE, MANLEY

IN THE SENATE

February 10, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 16, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 17, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 19, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 20, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 21, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE HOUSE

February 22, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 12, 1979	On motion taken from Natural Resources and referred to second reading.
March 13, 1979	Second reading, concurred in.
March 15, 1979	Third reading, concurred in.

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March 16, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling.  Reported correctly enrolled.
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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   CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO RESOLVE  
 7   THE UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING LAND PROPOSED AS WILDERNESS,  
 8   DISCOURAGE DELAY, AND TO REQUIRE AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS BEFORE  
 9   ANY DECISION IS FINALIZED.

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 11           WHEREAS, wilderness studies are now being conducted on  
 12   over 300 million acres of public land in Alaska and the  
 13   lower 48 states by Congress, the United States Forest  
 14   Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife  
 15   Service, and National Park Service; and

16           WHEREAS, those lands being studied for wilderness in  
 17   Montana have a direct relationship on state and private land  
 18   management, community stability, and growth; and

19           WHEREAS, under current federal management guidelines,  
 20   other resource uses will be prohibited indefinitely as long  
 21   as the wilderness studies are being conducted on these  
 22   lands; and

23           WHEREAS, in order to satisfy the needs of those sectors  
 24   dependent on uses other than wilderness, unwarranted  
 25   pressures will be placed on the state and private lands; and

1           WHEREAS, Montana's basic industries depend on multiple  
 2   use of all lands in Montana.

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 4   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
 5   OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

6           That the Congress of the United States is requested to  
 7   act immediately to:

8           (1) resolve the uncertainties surrounding the future  
 9   of those public lands proposed for instant wilderness under  
 10   RARE II and those under study for wilderness;

11           (2) discourage legal and administrative delays or  
 12   interference regarding the appropriate agency's decision for  
 13   management of those lands under their jurisdiction;

14           (3) require that a complete social economic analysis  
 15   precede any decision to delay management of all resources  
 16   during a study period longer than 1 year; and that prior to  
 17   setting aside a specific area for wilderness, a thorough  
 18   analysis of the short-term/long-term economic effects of  
 19   such action be made public.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution  
 21   be sent to the Montana Congressional Delegation and to the  
 22   United States Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior.

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