## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

IN THE SENATE

| February 12, 1979 | Introduced and referred to <br> Committee on Highways and <br> Transportation. |
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| February 16, 1979 | Committee recommend bill, do <br> not pass. |

introduced by Uadifentory
a joint resolution of the senate and the house of
representatives df the state df montana directing the
department of puelit service regulation and reduesting the
Lifite states department of transportation to requira
COMmercial buslines to install seatbelts for passengers.
WHEREAS, there is a high risk of death, injury, and prooerty damage while driving the state's highways; and
WHEREAS, there are no federal or state regulations requiring commercial busines to provide seatbelts for its pussengers; and
WHEREAS, there is a 57\% chance of survival in an accident when a seatbelt is worn; and
WHEREAS, there is an incrased chance of survival in accidents at high speeds when a seatbelt is worni and
NHEREAS. a study conducted by the Montana Departenent of Highways indicates that $43 x$ of all buses traveling in Yontana exceed the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit.
NOW, thereforeq be it resolved gy the senate and the house uf gepresentatives gf the state of montana:
Thet the Department of Public Service Regulation is

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directed to require all intrastate commercial buslines to
provide seatbelts for their passengerse
    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United states
Department of Transportation is urged to require all
interstate commercial buslines to provide seatbelts for
theif passengers.
    aE II FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretiry of state is
directed to send a copy of this resolution to the secretary
of the United States Department of Transportation, to each
member of Montana's Congressional Delegation, and to each
menber of the Montana Public Service Commission.
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