

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6
INTRODUCED BY DUSSAULT, OLSON, HOLLIDAY, BENGTSON, BURNETT
BY REQUEST OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING
AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

IN THE HOUSE

January 10, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Human Services.
January 23, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 26, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 28, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
January 29, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
January 30, 1981	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

January 31, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Safety.
March 5, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 9, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 11, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

March 12, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES TO CAUTION
9 MOTHERS AND RETAILERS ABOUT THE EFFECT OF CERTAIN DRUGS ON
10 UNBORN CHILDREN.

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12 WHEREAS, many prescription and nonprescription drugs,
13 including alcoholic beverages, are harmful to the fetus when
14 ingested by a pregnant woman; and

15 WHEREAS, many such potentially harmful drugs are
16 available over the counter without a physician's
17 prescription; and

18 WHEREAS, there is a need for more concentrated public
19 education directed toward pregnant women; and

20 WHEREAS, particular emphasis should be placed on
21 warning pregnant women about the possible dangers involved
22 in the use of certain commonly available but potentially
23 toxic drugs; and

24 WHEREAS, the list of drugs which are known to be
25 harmful to pregnant women is continuously growing; and

1 WHEREAS, even drugs which are not potentially harmful,
2 when taken concurrently with other drugs, can be harmful to
3 a pregnant woman; and

4 WHEREAS, fetal alcohol syndrome is increasingly known
5 to be a serious problem in the incidence of birth defects,
6 particularly mental retardation.

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

10 That the Department of Health and Environmental
11 Sciences is strongly urged to assume the responsibility for
12 printing or obtaining from other sources posters or notices
13 warning of the potential dangers to pregnant women of
14 prescription and nonprescription drugs, including alcoholic
15 beverages.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department is strongly
17 urged to encourage Montana retailers who sell these products
18 to post such notices in conspicuous locations in their
19 establishments, and that the Department is strongly urged to
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Approved by Comm. on Human Services

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