

House Joint Resolution 12

In The House

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12
2 INTRODUCED BY Salve Smith

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO FREEZE THE
6 SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS IN MONTANA WHOSE SALARIES
7 ARE DETERMINED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

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9 WHEREAS, In the last election, the voters of the State
10 of Montana expressed a deep concern for the rapidly
11 deteriorating condition of our economy; and

12 WHEREAS, the members of this Legislature feel that
13 these concerns were well founded based on recent events such
14 as:

15 (1) the closure of one of the state's major
16 industries, the severe drought conditions in eastern
17 Montana, and the plunge in livestock prices and corporate
18 earnings;

19 (2) the disastrous slump in building activity and in
20 supporting commerce and services;

21 (3) the fact that the spendable income of the average
22 Montanan reached the lowest level in over a decade resulting
23 in declining retail sales;

24 (4) the existence of prime interest rates of over 20%,
25 which have resulted in the closing of many lending

1 institutions around the country;
2 (5) soaring unemployment, soaring public and private
3 debt, soaring energy costs, and soaring taxes, coupled with
4 the loss of investment capital, loss of new plant
5 facilities, loss of initiative, and loss of national pride;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, these and many other basic indicators vividly
8 point out the need for strong, determined, immediate
9 leadership action; and

10 WHEREAS, this Legislature recognizes the leadership
11 responsibility that the citizens expect of their elected
12 officials.

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

16 That the Montana Legislature does hereby freeze at the
17 current level the salaries of all elected officials in the
18 State of Montana whose salaries are set by legislative
19 action.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this freeze shall remain
21 in effect until the per capita income of the average
22 Montanan reaches the national average, at which time the
23 salary schedule adopted by this Legislature for those
24 elected officials shall become effective.

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