

House Joint Resolution 38

In The House

February 16, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
April 1, 1981	Committee recommend bill do not pass.

10 WHEREAS, agencies that rely in part on the receipt of
11 federal funds to administer assigned programs may suffer
12 from budgeting problems and uncertainties due to the
13 mismatch of state and federal fiscal years; and

14 WHEREAS, such agencies are required to close their
15 books at the end of both the state and federal fiscal year,
16 which may be an unnecessary additional administrative
17 burden; and

18 WHEREAS, if the fiscal year should be changed to
19 coincide with the federal fiscal year, careful planning
20 would be required.

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

24 (1) That the Legislative Finance Committee is requested
25 to conduct an interim study to explore the advantages of

1 changing the state's fiscal year to coincide with the
2 federal fiscal year.

3 (2) That, if the Committee determines that the
4 advantages outweigh the disadvantages of making such a
5 change, the Committee submit its recommendation to the 48th
6 Legislature, together with an implementation schedule that
7 will account for the 3-month difference in fiscal years and
8 that will account for seasonal variations in agency spending
9 patterns to provide for a smooth transition between fiscal
10 years.

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