

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

INTRODUCED BY D. BROWN, IVERSON

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

IN THE HOUSE

February 17, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 21, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted. Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 23, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 24, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 25, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 93; Nays, 3. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 28, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in as amended. Report adopted.
March 31, 1981	On motion placed on second reading this legislative day. Motion adopted. Second reading, concurred in. On motion rules suspended. Bill placed on calendar for third reading this day and allowed to be transmitted on 71st legislative day. Motion adopted.

March 31, 1981

Third reading, concurred in
as amended. Ayes, 47; Noes, 3.

IN THE HOUSE

April 1, 1981

Returned from Senate with
amendments.

April 9, 1981

Second reading, amendments
concurred in.

On motion rules suspended and
bill placed on third reading
this day.

Third reading, amendments
concurred in. Ayes, 91;
Noes, 2. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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WHEREAS, Public Law 96-573 makes each state "... responsible for providing for the availability of capacity either within or outside the State for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste generated within its borders ..."; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 96-573 allows the individual states to enter into interstate compacts to provide for regional low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities; and

WHEREAS, Montana does not have a low-level radioactive disposal site in the state; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Washington have passed a law through the initiative process that would forbid access for any other state to the existing Washington disposal site unless an interstate compact with such state providing for regional storage of radioactive waste is

ratified.

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

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Approved by Committee
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WHEREAS, THE STATES OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND IDAHO HAVE NEGOTIATED AND ARE CONSIDERING IN THEIR PRESENT LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS RATIFICATION OF THE NORTHWEST INTERSTATE COMPACT ON LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THIS COMPACT WOULD ALLOW MONTANA TO BECOME A PARTY BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OR ACTION OF THE GOVERNOR ON A TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE 48TH SESSION OF THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE OR JULY 1, 1983, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

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

3 THAT, CONTINGENT UPON THE RATIFICATION BY THE STATE OF
4 WASHINGTON AND ONE OR MORE OTHER INTERESTED STATES IN THE
5 REGION, THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA SHALL TAKE APPROPRIATE
6 EXECUTIVE ACTION DESIGNATING MONTANA AS A PARTY TO THIS
7 COMPACT ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING
8 CONTINUED DISPOSAL OF MONTANA-GENERATED LOW-LEVEL
9 RADIOACTIVE WASTES AT THE HANFORD, WASHINGTON, DISPOSAL
10 SITE; AND

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION
12 DESIGNATING MONTANA AS A TEMPORARY COMPACT PARTY EXPIRE ON
13 THE DATE OF FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE 48TH SESSION OF THE
14 MONTANA LEGISLATURE OR JULY 1, 1983, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANALYZE
17 THE IMPLICATIONS OF MONTANA'S LONG-TERM PARTICIPATION IN THE
18 NORTHWEST INTERSTATE COMPACT ON LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
19 MANAGEMENT AND REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO THE LEGISLATURE ON OR
20 BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1982; AND

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL PRESENT
22 THE NORTHWEST INTERSTATE COMPACT ON LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE
23 WASTE MANAGEMENT TO THE 48TH SESSION OF THE MONTANA
24 LEGISLATURE FOR ITS REVIEW AND RATIFICATION IF THE GOVERNOR
25 CONSIDERS SUCH PRESENTATION APPROPRIATE.