

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

INTRODUCED BY BARDANOUVE, HURWITZ, GALT

IN THE HOUSE

February 24, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
February 25, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.  On motion rules suspended and bill placed on second reading this day.  Second reading, do pass.  On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.  Third reading, passed. Ayes, 95; Noes, 3. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
March 19, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
March 21, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 24, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 46; Noes, 0.

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March 25, 1981	Returned from Senate. Con- curred in. Sent to enrolling.  Reported correctly enrolled.
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7   PIONEER MONTANA SHEEPMAN, AND DIRECTING THE MONTANA  
8   HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO COOPERATE WITH THE BAIR FAMILY TO  
9   PRESERVE THE COLLECTION OF ANTIQUES AND ARTIFACTS COLLECTED  
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1           (2) That the Montana Historical Society make a report  
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