

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47

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IN THE HOUSE

March 2, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
March 20, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
March 21, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 24, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
March 25, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
March 26, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 71; Noes, 24. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 27, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
April 1, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 3, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
April 6, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 41; Noes, 7.

IN THE HOUSE

April 7, 1981	Returned from Senate. Con- curred in. Sent to enrolling.  Reported correctly enrolled.
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 4 Manuel Edmund Manning Conroy  
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 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING  
 7 ASSIGNMENT OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE  
 8 ORGANIZATION, EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL, BUDGETARY  
 9 CONSTRAINTS, AND LAND ACQUISITION POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT  
 10 OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS.  
 11 WHEREAS, there is significant legislative and public  
 12 interest in the operation and image of the Department of  
 13 Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; and  
 14 WHEREAS, there is public concern about the extent of  
 15 land ownership by the Department and future plans for  
 16 additional acquisition of land; and  
 17 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned with the high  
 18 cost of continuing to have specialists in all divisions of  
 19 the Department; and  
 20 WHEREAS, the Department has four separate levels of  
 21 administration; and  
 22 WHEREAS, the cost of operating the Department regularly  
 23 exceeds the revenue from hunting and fishing license fees.  
 24  
 25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE

1 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

2 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to  
 3 study the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include at least  
 5 the following:

6 (1) a review of the organizational structure of the  
 7 Department;

8 (2) a review of the possibility of better usage of the  
 9 current staff and the attendant cost savings;

10 (3) an analysis of the Department's land holdings and  
 11 long-range plans for additional acquisitions and for  
 12 financing to provide for the maintenance of the acquired  
 13 property; and

14 (4) a review of the accounting methods and procedures  
 15 used by the Department.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee prepare a  
 17 report of its findings and conclusions, together with its  
 18 recommendations, and provide the report to the 1983  
 19 Legislature no later than January 10, 1983.

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Approved by Comm.  
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Refer to Introduced Bill

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Wildlife, and Parks; and

WHEREAS, all Montanans recognize the importance of  
maintaining and improving the quality of fish, wildlife, and  
park management; and

WHEREAS, all Department management objectives should be

viewed in terms of their cost effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
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That an interim committee be assigned to review the  
operation and management objectives of the Department of  
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee include  
representatives of the seven geographic regions served by  
the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee:

(1) review the duties of the Director to make certain  
that they are consistent with the need to maintain and  
improve the quality and cost effectiveness of Department  
operations;

(2) review the duties of all Department specialists to  
make certain that they provide for the orderly execution of  
Department management objectives;

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