

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 48

INTRODUCED BY D. O'HARA, SPILKER, FAGG,
FABREGA, NORDTVEDT

IN THE HOUSE

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
March 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
March 14, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 18, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
March 19, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
March 20, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 79; Noses, 13. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 21, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 25, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 27, 1981	Second reading, concurred in as amended.
March 30, 1981	Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 47; Noes, 2.

IN THE HOUSE

April 8, 1981

Second reading, amendments
concurred in.

April 9, 1981

Third reading, amendments
concurred in. Ayes, 94;
Noes, 2. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT AN
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8 ENVIRONMENT IN MONTANA.

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10 WHEREAS, more than 600 Montana businesses have gone
11 bankrupt in the past 5 years while many others have closed
12 their doors; and

13 WHEREAS, Montana has lost 10,000 jobs in the past year;
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15 WHEREAS, many high school and college graduates are
16 unable to find employment in Montana; and

17 WHEREAS, many business opportunities do not exist in
18 Montana because of the lack of a sound business economy and
19 free enterprise climate in Montana; and

20 WHEREAS, Montana has recently suffered economic
21 setbacks in the closing of the Anaconda facilities in Great
22 Falls and Anaconda, the bankruptcy of the Milwaukee
23 Railroad, the closing of the Evans Plant in Missoula, and
24 the reduction of personnel and facilities at Malmstrom Air
25 Force Base at Great Falls; and

1 WHEREAS, the Select Committee on Economic Problems has
2 performed a valuable service in pinpointing problem areas in
3 Montana's economy.

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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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18 inculcated with the values of free enterprise in the present
19 marketing environment of the state;

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21 determine how more jobs could be created;

22 (4) investigate tax incentives or methods of negative
23 taxation to attract industry to Montana;

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25 APPLICATION TO BUSINESS IN MONTANA AND DETERMINE WHETHER A

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March 25, 1981

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Natural Resources)

That House Joint Resolution No. 48 be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 19

Following: "lack of"

Strike: "a"

Insert: "knowledge of"

Following: "business"

Strike: "economy and"

Insert: "economies"

2. Page 1, line 20

Following: line 19

Strike: "free" through "Montana"

3. Page 2, line 18

Following: "determine"

Strike: "if"

Insert: "how"

Following: "Montana"

Strike: "are being"

Insert: "can be"

4. Page 2, line 19

Following: line 18

Strike: "inculcated with"

Insert: "taught"

5. Page 2, line 23

Following: "(4)"

Strike: "investigate"

Insert: "analyse the present tax system in application to business in Montana and determine whether"

6. Page 2, line 24

Following: "taxation"

Strike: "to"

Insert: "will"

7. Page 3, line 3

Following: "consumers"

Insert: ", the environment,"

8. Page 3, line 6

Following: "economy"

Insert: "and the impact of such deregulation or regulation on Montana citizens"