

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; Noes, 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

March 31, 1981	Returned from Senate with amendments.
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April 8, 1981

Second reading, amendments
concurrent in.

April 9, 1981

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

Reported correctly enrolled.

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2 to distinguish between necessary protection of consumers and
3 businesses and overregulation of business entities;

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5 improve Montana's economy; and

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7 possible.

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Approved by Committee
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8 INTERIM STUDY TO DETERMINE HOW TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC
9 ENVIRONMENT IN MONTANA.
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13 their doors; and

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17 unable to find employment in Montana; and

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20 free enterprise climate in Montana; and

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22 setbacks in the closing of the Anaconda facilities in Great
23 Falls and Anaconda, the bankruptcy of the Milwaukee
24 Railroad, the closing of the Evans Plant in Missoula, and
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1 Force Base at Great Falls; and
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4 Montana's economy.
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9 study how to improve the economic environment in Montana and
10 continue along the same lines as those forged by the Select
11 Committee on Economic Problems and develop positive measures
12 that can be taken to encourage a healthy economy in Montana.
13 The specific purposes and responsibilities of the interim
14 committee shall be to:

- 15 (1) determine if Montanans understand free enterprise
16 concepts and functions as they apply to Montana and the
17 employment possibilities in Montana;
- 18 (2) determine if students in Montana are being
19 inculcated with the values of free enterprise in the present
20 marketing environment of the state;
- 21 (3) review the economic climate of Montana to
22 determine how more jobs could be created;
- 23 (4) investigate tax incentives or methods of negative
24 taxation to attract industry to Montana;
- 25 (5) analyze investment and loan programs to aid

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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"