

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

INTRODUCED BY MOORE, FEDA, PHILLIPS, DUSSAULT
BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

IN THE HOUSE

March 31, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
April 2, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
April 3, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
April 7, 1981	Motion pass consideration.
April 9, 1981	Second reading, do pass as amended.
	On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day.
	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 87; Noes, 5. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 10, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
April 14, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 15, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
April 16, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 39; Noes, 11.

IN THE HOUSE

April 17, 1981

Returned from Senate. Concurred
in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
6 INTERIM STUDY ON THE STATE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM.

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13 throughout agencies within the executive branch; and

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23 procurement system of high quality and integrity.

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-2- INTRODUCED BILL
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