

Senate Joint Resolution 6

In The Senate

January 23, 1981

Introduced and referred
to Committee on Legislative
Administrative.

Fiscal note requested

January 30, 1981

Fiscal note returned.

February 3, 1981

Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

On motion Senate reconsider
its action taken on adverse
committee report and order
printed and placed on second
reading. Motion failed.

1 *Senate* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6
 2 INTRODUCED BY *JOHN BROWN*

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DIRECTING AN
 6 AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1 TO REQUIRE TWO
 7 RECESSES DURING THE SESSION.

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 9 WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper for the members of
 10 the Legislature to obtain input from their constituents
 11 residing in each of the legislative districts; and

12 WHEREAS, the distance between the State Capitol, where
 13 Legislators are in session, and many districts is great and
 14 therefore communication between Legislators and constituents
 15 is impaired; and

16 WHEREAS, having two recesses during the legislativ-
 17 session would give members of the Legislature an opportunity
 18 to travel to their respective districts and to more
 19 thoroughly confer with and obtain input from their
 20 constituents.

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 22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 23 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

24 That Senate Joint Resolution 1 be amended to include a
 25 new rule following Rule 2-4 that reads:

1 2-5. With the consent and preference of the leadership
 2 of both houses, a 3- to 6-day recess must be held at the
 3 following points in the session:

- 4 (1) between the 35th and 40th legislative day; and
 5 (2) between the 55th and 65th legislative day.
 6 All subsequent rules in Chapter 6 shall be renumbered.

-End-

-2- INTRODUCED BILL
 SJR 6

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 231-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD 15

In compliance with a written request received _____, 19 _____, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for S.J.R. 6 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

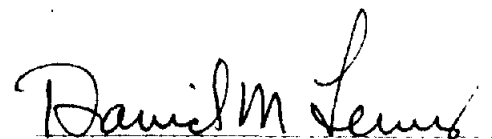
Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 would amend the Joint Rules of the Legislature to provide two recesses in each session. Each recess would be from 3 to 6 days in duration at the discretion of leadership.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. That one recess of up to three days would be taken under current rules.
2. That the expense allowance can be paid for only three days of any recess.
3. That all attaches would be laid off during the recess, and that only legislative expense payments would be made.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Each day of legislative expense allowance costs \$6,000. A three day recess would cost \$18,000 in expenses.



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-29-81