

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13  
INTRODUCED BY S. BROWN, McCALLUM

IN THE SENATE

February 6, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
February 18, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 19, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 20, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 23, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 24, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 43; Noes, 7. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
March 11, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 26, 1981	Second reading, pass consideration.  Second reading, pass consideration to the 71st legislative day.
April 1, 1981	Second reading, pass consideration to the 75th legislative day.
April 7, 1981	Second reading, pass consideration.
April 9, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.

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On motion rules suspended  
and bill placed on third  
reading this day.

Third reading, concurred in.  
Ayes, 86; Noes, 8.

IN THE SENATE

April 10, 1981

Returned from House. Con-  
curred in. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.





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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN  
 6 INTERIM STUDY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS,  
 7 INCLUDING FUNDING AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH  
 8 TRANSPORTATION.

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 10 WHEREAS, section 20-10-101, MCA, requires that any  
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 12 school district, must reside at least 3 miles from the  
 13 nearest school; and

14 WHEREAS, urban areas of the state are experiencing  
 15 sprawl, which results in school children living within 3  
 16 miles from school being forced to walk to school along  
 17 unsafe streets and highways; and

18 WHEREAS, the 3-mile limit is strictly arbitrary; and

19 WHEREAS, significant energy conservation would result  
 20 from providing school bus transportation within 3 miles of  
 21 schools; and

22 WHEREAS, only one-third of the school children in the  
 23 state receive public transportation; and

24 WHEREAS, taxpayers residing in school districts  
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 17 continues to be valid;

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 19 transportation, with particular emphasis on seeking the most  
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-2- THIRD READING  
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