

Senate Joint Resolution 15

In The Senate

February 6, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
February 20, 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 adopted.
February 21, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 23, 1981	Second reading do pass.
February 24, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 25, 1981	Third reading passed.

In The House

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
April 23, 1981	Died in Committee.

1 *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *15*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Hobby, Menahan, Vanduel, Daily, Jackson, Blaylock, Roberts, Manning, Kemmer, Bertelsen, Tague, Hammett, Nealy*
 3 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
 5 INTERIM STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF MERGING WARM SPRINGS
 6 STATE HOSPITAL AND GALEN STATE HOSPITAL; REQUIRING A REPORT
 7 OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE LEGISLATURE.

10 WHEREAS, Warm Springs State Hospital and Galen State
 11 Hospital are located in close proximity to one another and
 12 appear to have functions that overlap to some extent; and

13 WHEREAS, the merger of some functions of the two
 14 hospitals is a concept with merit, although it is unclear
 15 how a merger could be planned and executed so that the
 16 resulting facility would have the ability to improve health
 17 care at an appropriate cost; and

18 WHEREAS, both the Department of Institutions and the
 19 administrators of the two hospitals have merger plans but
 20 none of the plans is sufficiently understood at this time to
 21 be adopted as the plan that can assure the best contribution
 22 to the health care needs of the patients and to the common
 23 good of the people of the State of Montana; and

24 WHEREAS, all of the appropriate parties have not had
 25 sufficient involvement to assure that a workable plan will

1 be adopted; and

2 WHEREAS, the health care needs of the prisoners at the
 3 state prison in Deer Lodge also might be addressed by a
 4 carefully studied merger plan; and

5 WHEREAS, the Governor has declared his intention to
 6 help redevelop the Anaconda community, and the effect on
 7 employment in that area of any reorganization of Warm
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 9 by all affected parties prior to effecting such
 10 reorganization.

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

13 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to
 14 study the possibility of merging the state hospitals at Warm
 15 Springs and Galen and that the committee include in its
 16 study at least the following:

- 17 (1) the feasibility of merging the two hospitals;
- 18 (2) the fiscal impact of a merger;
- 19 (3) the effect on the numbers of employees at the two
- 20 locations; and
- 21 (4) the possibility of providing health care for the
- 22 prisoners at the state prison in Deer Lodge through the
- 23 merged hospitals.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee

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4 leave them separate;

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7 hospitals; and

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9 to implement its findings.

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Approved by Committee on State Administration

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