

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

INTRODUCED BY SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION
BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

February 9, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
February 13, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 14, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 16, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 17, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 18, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 49; Noes, 0. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

February 19, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture.
March 12, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 26, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 28, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 89; Noes, 4.

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INTRODUCED BY *Sen. Lynn J. Williams* *Rep. William H. Johnson*
BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE *Rep. Lynn J. Williams*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCREASE WEED CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ON FEDERAL, STATE, AND PRIVATE LANDS AND TO ALLOW FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH STATE AND LOCAL WEED MANAGEMENT AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, the State of Montana is concerned with the management of noxious weeds on private, state, and federal lands; and

WHEREAS, noxious weed infestations in Montana result in an agricultural loss of at least \$100 million annually because of weed competition and the consequent reduction in crop production; and

WHEREAS, many acres of federal lands are infested with noxious weeds which reduce grazing capabilities and infest state and private lands that are managed for the control of noxious weeds; and

WHEREAS, a major problem for agriculture and livestock producers is the continuing and, in some cases, increasing

1 infestations of noxious weeds on their lands; and
2 WHEREAS, county and state agencies and universities are
3 responsibly increasing their weed management efforts in
4 areas of research, education, coordination, and integrated
5 control; and

6 WHEREAS, certain federal laws, regulations, and
7 policies impede the establishment of cooperative weed
8 management programs between federal land management agencies
9 and state agencies, counties, and private landowners.

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11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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17 noxious weed control and management through cooperative
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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Department of
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Approved by Committee
on Agriculture Livestock
& Irrigation

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