

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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NAZUREK, TOWE, HAZELBAKER, STINATZ, E. SMITH,
HAGER, J. JOHNSON, HALLIGAN, HAPPERMAN,
GALT, NELSON, STEPHENS, CRIPPEN

IN THE SENATE

February 20, 1981	By motion and consent, Senate Joint Resolution No. 24 allowed to be introduced and considered this session.
February 23, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.
March 18, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
March 19, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 20, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
March 21, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
March 23, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 47; Noes, 0. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 24, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
April 2, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
April 7, 1981	Motion pass consideration.

April 8, 1981

Second reading, concurred in.

April 10, 1981

Third reading, concurred in.
Ayes, 90; Noes, 0.

IN THE SENATE

April 11, 1981

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

Reported correctly enrolled.

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *24* *Ross*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE *Thomson, Berg*

CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS ENGINEERING TEST FACILITY IN MONTANA. *J. Brown, Maguire, Egan*

WHEREAS, utility companies in Montana are considering *Walt, Smith, Hay, Johnson, Hollister, Hoffmann*

additional coal-fired steam electric generating plants to supply projected demands for electricity in the early 1990's; and *Walt, STEPHEN*

WHEREAS, previous Montana Legislatures have formally recognized the very high potential of magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) power generation to provide electric power in Montana and the nation in a highly efficient, water conservative, and environmentally acceptable manner; and

WHEREAS, the successful completion and commercialization of the MHD process will enhance the marketability of Montana's coal resources and will provide substantial economic and energy conservation benefits in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Component Development and Integration Facility (CDIF) nearing completion south of Butte is an integral part of the nation's MHD research and development

1 program; and

2 WHEREAS, development of this MHD facility in
3 Butte-Silver Bow is nearing the stage of testing of
4 engineering-scale hardware with the near-certain promise of
5 successful operation; and

6 WHEREAS, President Reagan's budget officials have
7 recently announced tentative plans to discontinue federal
8 funding for the development of MHD; and

9 WHEREAS, private utilities and other companies do not
10 have the capital available to them to continue the project;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, such a termination of funding for MHD would
13 result in a colossal waste of the financial, human, and
14 other resources that have been devoted to development of the
15 project to its present state of near-completion; and

16 WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow and Anaconda areas,
17 already suffering under severe economic hardships due to
18 recent closings of major industry, would be subject to the
19 loss of hundreds more jobs related to the MHD facility.

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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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1 for the MHD project in order to complete development of
2 components at a testable scale so that commercialization of
3 the process may begin.

4 (2) That copies of this resolution be sent by the
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Approved by Committee
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