

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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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; Noses, 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
concurrent 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.

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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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25 and the U.S. Congress are strongly urged to continue funding

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
5 Secretary of the State to the President of the United
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14 WHEREAS, utility companies in Montana are considering
15 additional coal-fired steam electric generating plants to
16 supply projected demands for electricity in the early
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19 recognized----the SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF
20 MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS (MHD), RECOGNIZING ITS very high
21 potential of magnetohydrodynamics--MHD--power-generation to
22 provide electric power in Montana and the nation in a highly
23 efficient, water conservative, and environmentally
24 acceptable manner; and

1 WHEREAS, the successful completion DEVELOPMENT and
2 commercialization of the MHD process will enhance the
3 marketability of Montana's coal resources and will provide
4 substantial economic and energy conservation benefits in
5 Montana, ALLOWING LONGER UTILIZATION OF COAL RESERVES; and

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7 Facility (CDIF) nearing completion south of Butte is an
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