

Senate Joint Resolution 32

In The Senate

March 20, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 26, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.
March 27, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
March 28, 1981	Second reading do pass. Correctly engrossed.
March 30, 1981	Third reading not passed.

1 *Sen. Joint Resolution No. 32*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Barbara Hemstad*  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING A STUDY  
 6 OF THE FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASE BY THE STATE OF MONTANA OF A  
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 8 RESIDENCE.

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 11 residence is one that includes both comfortable, complete  
 12 private quarters for the Governor and his family and an area  
 13 equipped to accommodate the many public functions required  
 14 of the Governor; and

15 WHEREAS, the present Governor has indicated that the  
 16 present Governor's residence at 2 Carson Street lacks  
 17 comfortable, private living quarters for his family,  
 18 particularly when the residence is being used for public  
 19 purposes; and

20 WHEREAS, the present Governor has indicated a  
 21 preference for occupying a residence that offers more modest  
 22 and private accommodations; and

23 WHEREAS, there have been mixed reactions to the  
 24 suggestion that the Governor might be allowed to reside at  
 25 the Governor's Original Mansion at 304 North Ewing, now a

1 historical museum that has been restored by private  
 2 donations and public grants and is currently managed by the  
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4 WHEREAS, there are many fine historical mansions in  
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 14 purchase by the State of Montana of a historical Helena  
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 16 the present Governor's residence at 2 Carson Street.

17 (2) That the study include at least the following:

18 (a) a determination of the specifications a Governor's  
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 22 the Governor's Original Mansion;

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 25 residence; and

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- 2 Governor's residence if an alternative residence is chosen.

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Approved by Committee  
on State Administration

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