HOUSE BILL NO. 305

INTRODUCED BY HARP, C. SMITH, JONES, DARKO, CURTISS, CONNELLY, LYBECK, MUELLER, B. BROWN, MCCALLUM, SEVERSON

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

IN THE HOUSE

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January 18, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 31, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
Pebruary 1, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 2, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
February 3, 1983	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 4, 1983	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.
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Pebruary 5, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
March 4, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 7, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 9, 1983	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0.

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March 9, 1983

March 10, 1983

Returned to House.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

TO 1 MILLION BOARD FEET; AMENDING SECTION 77-5-201, MCA.*

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- (2) Timber proposed for sale in excess of 100,000 board feet shall be advertised in a paper of the county in which the timber is situated for a period of at least 30 days, during which time the department shall receive sealed bids up to the hour of the closing of the bids, as specified in the notice of sale.
- (3) In cases of emergency due to fire, insect, fungus, parasite, or blowdown, timber proposed for sale not in excess of 200,000 1 million board feet may be advertised by

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