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1 J. Jensen House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8
2 INTRODUCED BY Vincent J. Fumo, Bartolomeo
3 J. Brown, Ed. Berg, Vin Volk, Halley, Kados, Halligan
4 Ream, Hannon, Thet, et al. ~~Thet, et al.~~
5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PRESIDENT
7 OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND
8 OTHER NATIONS: A FREEZE ON THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING,
9 PRODUCTION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY; VERIFICATION
10 SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE FREEZE; AND EVENTUAL NUCLEAR
11 DISARMAMENT BY ALL NATIONS; AND REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF
12 THE UNITED STATES, UPON A MUTUALLY AGREED AND VERIFIED
13 FREEZE, TO PROPOSE THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED FOR
14 NUCLEAR WEAPONRY FOR PEACEFUL NONNUCLEAR USES.

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19 and the Soviets have the capacity to destroy ours 22 times;
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24 generation of delivery systems during the next decade; and

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2 delivery systems increase distrust and apprehension among
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6 production and deployment of nuclear weapons increases the
7 United States budget deficit; and

8 WHEREAS, government funds spent for nuclear weaponry
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10 peaceful pursuits.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
13 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

14 (1) That the President of the United States is
15 strongly urged to propose to the Soviet Union and other
16 nations:

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19 missiles, watercraft, and aircraft designed primarily to
20 deliver nuclear weapons;

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23 (c) eventual nuclear disarmament by all nations.

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