

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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INTRODUCED BY Kadas Blaylock, Joe Komonis & Alden
Peck, J. Brown, K. H. Kuntz, Fuller J. Jensen

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA OPPOSING FURTHER DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS IN MONTANA; OFFERING THE STATE OF MONTANA AS THE INITIAL SITE FOR NEGOTIATED MUTUAL ARMS REDUCTIONS; AND REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO SEND COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT AND MONTANA'S UNITED STATES SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the Minuteman III and the MX missiles are highly accurate intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of destroying hardened missile silos and are thus offensive rather than defensive in nature; and

WHEREAS, offensive capability undermines deterrence and international stability by causing nations to build more weapons and to move to launch-on-warning status and by making the concept of limited nuclear war more acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement of 50 Minuteman II missiles with 50 Minuteman III missiles would increase the number of nuclear warheads deployed in Montana from 300 to 400; and

WHEREAS, Montanans, by passing Initiative 91, have

expressed their great desire for an end to the arms race and their opposition to the placement in Montana of the first-strike-capable MX missile.

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

That no additional nuclear warheads be deployed in Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Montana be considered as an initial site for negotiated multilateral or bilateral arms reductions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States and to Montana's United States Senators and Representatives.

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Approved by Comm. on Human Services

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