

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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IN THE HOUSE

January 25, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 26, 1983	On motion by chief sponsor, Representative Addy was added as an author to the bill. On motion by chief sponsor, Representative Vincent was added as an author to the bill.
February 4, 1983	On motion by chief sponsor, Representative Veleber was added as an author to the bill.
February 10, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 11, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 12, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
February 14, 1983	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 15, 1983	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 16, 1983

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Natural
Resources.

March 3, 1983

Committee recommend bill be
not concurred in. Report
adopted. Ayes, 26; Noes, 21.

IN THE HOUSE

March 4, 1983

Returned to House.

IN THE SENATE

March 5, 1983

On motion, Senate requests
return of HJR 12 for further
consideration.

IN THE HOUSE

March 5, 1983

On motion, request of Senate
granted for return of HJR 12
for further consideration.

IN THE SENATE

March 5, 1983

Rereferred to Committee on
Judiciary.

March 12, 1983

Committee recommend bill be
concurred in. Report adopted.

March 16, 1983

Second reading, concurred in.

March 18, 1983

Third reading, concurred in.
Ayes, 30; Noes, 20.

IN THE HOUSE

March 18, 1983

Returned to House.

March 19, 1983

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

1 *Mark* *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *12* *J. Jensen*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Scott B. Anderson* *Beam* *W. Miller*
 3 *Jack J. Brown* *Donaldson* *Phillips* *Ramirez* *Connelly*
 4 *Alvin* *Farver* *Spaeth* *Underdal* *Chapman* *Gardner*
 5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA OPPOSING THE FEDERAL
 7 ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN TO SELL PUBLIC LANDS. *Smith* *W. Miller*
 8 *Bob Brown* *Sevenson* *Chaw* *Holmes*

9 WHEREAS, the Public Land Law Review Commission, in its
 10 1964 public land study ordered by Congress, concluded that
 11 most public lands would not best serve the public interest
 12 if they were in private ownership; and

13 WHEREAS, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
 14 1976 states that public lands will be retained in federal
 15 ownership; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Agriculture
 17 intends to propose legislation to the 98th Congress to
 18 expand his authority to sell National Forest System lands;
 19 and

20 WHEREAS, the federal lands are a great national
 21 treasure and an important part of our heritage; and

22 WHEREAS, federal lands managed under multiple use
 23 represent a vast storehouse of publicly owned resources,
 24 such as fossil fuels, nonenergy minerals, rangeland,
 25 forests, wilderness, water, wildlife habitat, wildlife,
 fish, and many other valuable amenities and commodities; and

1 WHEREAS, these federal lands provide millions of
 2 hunters, fishermen, campers, picnickers, backpackers,
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 7 ownership will promote access to the public lands and water
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 11 enjoyment by all United States citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, public ownership of federal lands will ensure
 13 continued multiple-use management and public access to these
 14 lands; and

15 WHEREAS, since the sale of public lands would be made
 16 to the highest bidder, the result would be the elimination
 17 of the small rancher, timber operator, and other small
 18 commercial enterprises.

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

22 (1) That public lands be retained in federal ownership
 23 unless, as a result of land-use planning procedures as
 24 directed by Congress, it is determined that disposal of
 25 particular parcels will serve the national interest.

1 (2) That the 48th Legislature opposes legislation that
2 the Federal Administration intends to propose which would
3 permit the sale of National Forest System lands, excepting
4 the sale of unmanageable, isolated parcels of land and
5 outdated, nonessential facilities which are financially
6 burdensome to the nation.

7 (3) That the Secretary of State send copies of this
8 resolution to the President of the United States and to each
9 member of the United States Congress.

10 (4) That the Secretary of State send copies of this
11 resolution to the presiding officers of the Legislatures of
12 the states of Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota,
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intends to propose legislation to the 98th Congress to
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treasure and an important part of our heritage; and

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such as fossil fuels, nonenergy minerals, rangeland,
forests, wilderness, water, wildlife habitat, wildlife,
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snowmobilers, boaters, and recreational vehicle users a
place to pursue recreational activities without encountering
"no trespassing" signs; and

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