

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

INTRODUCED BY SPAETH, SAUNDERS, ELLISON, SCHYE, SWITZER,
DRISCOLL, WILLIAMS, ADDY, J. JENSEN, ASAY, ABRAMS,
SANDS, HAND, BARDANOUVE, DOZIER, BENGTSON, KEENAN,
D. BROWN, HOWE, TOWE, RAHIREZ, CONOVER

IN THE HOUSE

January 28, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
February 4, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 5, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 8, 1983	Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed. On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 9, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
March 2, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 4, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 7, 1983	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 47; Noes, 1.

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March 7, 1983

Returned to House.

March 8, 1983

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

1 *Williams* *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *15* *initiated*

2 INTRODUCED BY *Speth Sounderbell* *Delby*

3 *J. Fensan* *Don* *Keenan* *House*

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF *Senators*

5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING THE *Senate*

6 IMPORTANCE OF A VIABLE SUGAR INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF *Senate*

7 MONTANA; ENCOURAGING GREAT WESTERN SUGAR COMPANY AND THE *Senate*

8 SUGAR BEET GROWERS TO RESUME BARGAINING AND REACH AN

9 ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION OF THEIR DIFFERENCES FOR THE BENEFIT

10 OF ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF

11 MONTANA; AND REQUESTING THAT THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF

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19 WHEREAS, sugar processing in the Billings area employs

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21 million a year; and

22 WHEREAS, there are 326 farms containing 29,170 acres

23 and producing over 590,000 tons of sugar beets annually in

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Approved by Committee
on Agriculture Livestock
& Irrigation

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3 *Hand* *Billings* J. Jensen *House* *Billings*

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