HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

INTRODUCED BY BERGENE, SEIFERT, HANNAH, RAMIREZ, J. JENSEN, ADDY, SPAETH, IVERSON, DARKO, NISBET, CURTISS, J. BROWN, VELEBER, KENNERLY, EUDAILY, FARRIS

BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

IN THE HOUSE

February 15, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 19, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 21, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
Pebruary 22, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
February 23, 1983	Considered correctly engrossed.
	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 1, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
March 10, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 11, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 14, 1983	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 48; Noes, 1.

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March 14, 1983

Returned to House.

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Sent to enrolling.

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1 and other legitimate community activities that are not

2 available in a correctional institution; and

3 WHEREAS, community corrections programs are desirable

4 for reasons of economy and humanity, and the State

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6 the community at the present time; and

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17 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

18 That the Department of Institutions is urged to

19 aggressively promote the further development of

20 community-based corrections and prerelease centers.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESULVED, that local governments are

22 urged to cooperate in facilitating the development of

23 community-based corrections and that any prerelease center

24 be zoned as if it were a residential facility and not an

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