

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26
INTRODUCED BY ERNST, NORDTVEDT, HANSON

IN THE HOUSE

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

IN THE SENATE

March 1, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
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, 44; Noes, 5.

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March 18, 1983	Returned to House.
March 19, 1983	Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.

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7 TO THE SUBJECT MATTER REFLECTED IN THE TITLE OF THE BILL.

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9 WHEREAS, Article V, section 11, of the Montana
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12 its original purpose and that, generally, a bill may contain
13 only one subject, clearly expressed in its title; and

14 WHEREAS, Montana citizens are dismayed and dissatisfied
15 with the practice of the United States Congress of attaching
16 amendments that are unrelated to the original bill; and

17 WHEREAS, Montana citizens find it difficult and
18 sometimes impossible to track unrelated issues attached as
19 amendments to bills moving through the legislative process
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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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25 States Congress to adopt a joint rule prohibiting amending

1 or altering any bill on its passage through the Congress in
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3 (2) That the Montana Legislature also urges the United
4 States Congress to adopt a joint rule that each bill, except
5 general appropriations bills and bills for the general
6 revision of laws, must contain only one subject, clearly
7 expressed in the title of the bill, and that if any subject
8 is embraced in any act and is not expressed in the title,
9 only so much of the act not so expressed is void.

10 (3) That the Secretary of State shall send copies of
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