

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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1 INTRODUCED BY ROUSH Spencer Smith Samuelson  
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN LANE  
 6 INTERIM STUDY OF OWNERSHIP AND LEASING OF MONTANA FARMLAND Manuel  
 7 AND RANCHLAND, TAXES PAID BY THE OWNERS, USE OF THE LAND, Manuel  
 8 AND STATE LAWS BENEFITING THE OWNERS; AND REQUIRING Manuel  
 9 WRITTEN REPORT OF THE STUDY TO THE 49TH LEGISLATURE. Manuel

11 WHEREAS, agriculture is a major industry in Montana;

12 and

13 WHEREAS, corporate and nonresident ownership of Montana  
 14 farmland and ranchland is widespread and increasing; and

15 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the people of  
 16 Montana to ensure that each person and each taxable entity  
 17 pays its just share of income and property taxes.

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

21 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to  
 22 study and determine:

23 (1) the amount of Montana farmland and ranchland owned  
 24 or leased by the various types of profit and nonprofit  
 25 corporations, both domestic and foreign; by individual

1 persons, both resident and nonresident; and by foreign  
 2 nationals;

3 (2) the percentage of each type of farmland and  
 4 ranchland owned or leased by each class of persons and  
 5 entities referred to in subsection (1);

6 (3) the increase, over the past years, of ownership  
 7 and leasing of farmland and ranchland by each class of  
 8 persons and entities referred to in subsection (1);

9 (4) the location of farmlands and ranchlands owned or  
 10 leased by each class of persons and entities referred to in  
 11 subsection (1);

12 (5) the uses of farmlands and ranchlands owned or  
 13 leased by each class of persons and entities referred to in  
 14 subsection (1);

15 (6) property taxes paid by each class of persons and  
 16 entities referred to in subsection (1);

17 (7) the income of and state and federal income taxes  
 18 paid by each class of persons and entities referred to in  
 19 subsection (1) and the state and federal income tax laws,  
 20 including tax breaks, particularly affecting such persons  
 21 and entities;

22 (8) the types and amounts of state assistance granted  
 23 to each class of persons and entities referred to in  
 24 subsection (1);

25 (9) loan programs, both state and private, benefiting

1 each class of persons and entities referred to in subsection  
2 (1);

3 (10) leasing of state, federal, and private land to  
4 farmers and ranchers and the basis for and amount of the  
5 rent or fee charged; and

6 (11) any other appropriate matters relating to the  
7 resolution of problems detected in studying and determining  
8 the matters set forth in subsections (1) through (10).

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interim committee  
10 provide an outline and time frame for its study, schedule  
11 meetings of the committee, and provide the 49th Legislature  
12 with a written report of its study, findings, and  
13 conclusions and with drafts of legislation that may be  
14 necessary to implement the committee's findings.

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Approved by Committee  
on Agriculture Livestock  
& Irrigation

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SPAETH, SAUNDERS, KOEHNKE, LYBECK, BACHINI,  
ERNST, HOWE, GRAHAM, HANSON, ZABROCKI, LANE,  
THOFT, SCHULTZ, BLISS, UNDERDAL, RYAN,  
R. JENSEN, DEVLIN, BOYLAN, ABRAMS, OCHSNER,  
BENGTSON, GALT, KOLSTAD, CONOVER, PECK,  
AKLESTAD, NEUMAN, DONALDSON, BARDANOUVE,  
IVERSON, HEMSTAD, MANUEL, SCHYE, MENAHAN,  
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ENTITIES REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (1):

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