

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47
INTRODUCED BY VINCENT, BARDANOUVE

IN THE HOUSE

April 18, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
April 19, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
April 20, 1983	On motion rules suspended and bill placed on second reading this day. Second reading, do pass as amended. On motion rules suspended and bill placed on third reading this day. Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 20, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
April 21, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted. Second reading, concurred in. Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0.

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April 21, 1983	Returned to House. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT AN INTERIM STUDY BE CONDUCTED TO EXAMINE THE STATUS OF MONTANA-CANADIAN RELATIONS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW STATE GOVERNMENT CAN BECOME BETTER EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH BORDER ISSUES.

WHEREAS, Montana is the only American state that shares an International border with three Canadian provinces; and

WHEREAS, Montana has already experienced expensive and time-consuming border relations problems with British Columbia and Saskatchewan in particular and there are threats of future disagreements over water with Alberta; and

WHEREAS, Montana and the Canadian provinces also have great opportunity to obtain mutual benefits in areas such as telecommunications, trade, and tourist promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Montana economy is in direct competition with western provincial economies in the search for export markets which are an important ingredient in the critical task of building the Montana economy; and

WHEREAS, Montana is at a severe disadvantage in dealing with its border neighbors because it currently has no

mechanism for the coordinated management of the diverse and growing Canadian border relations, while the provinces all have well-established departments for the conduct of such business; and

WHEREAS, the importance and frequency of Canadian relations are bound to grow because of the westward shift of the Canadian economic base.

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

(1) That Montana undertake a study of its border relationship with Canada and neighboring Canadian provinces and recommend options to the 49th Legislature for it to consider in order to produce the optimal method of promoting positive relations and avoiding future problems with Canada.

(2) That the Legislative Council seek funding sources for this study, in conjunction with the 49th Parallel Institute at Montana State University, in the amount of \$10,000 and that the study be conducted contingent upon this funding.

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