

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

INTRODUCED BY E. SMITH, ETCHART, KOLSTAD, GAGE, LANE,
OCHSNER, MCCALLUM, BOYLAN, TVEIT, GRAHAM, H. HAMMOND

BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS
AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

February 16, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
February 17, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 18, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 19, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
February 21, 1983	Correctly engrossed.
February 22, 1983	Third reading, passed, Ayes, 49; Noes, 0. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

February 28, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.
March 7, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 9, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 10, 1983	Third reading, concurred in.

IN THE SENATE

March 11, 1983

Returned to Senate. Sent
to enrolling.

Reported correctly
enrolled.

Joint JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *18*

INTRODUCED BY *E. Smith* *Etchum* *Kalstad* *Dege*

BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS

AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA PROTESTING PROPOSED CHARGES BY FEDERAL AGENCIES TO RURAL ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVES FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AND PERMITS.

WHEREAS, through their agreements with the federal government and most specifically with the Rural Electrification Administration, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Montana are required to provide area coverage at the lowest possible cost and without profit, even to isolated and minimum revenue customers; and

WHEREAS, to provide such service it is necessary that the lines of such cooperatives cross United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other government-owned lands; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and other federal agencies have granted permits to these cooperatives to cross their lands at no charge to the cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, it has now been proposed that these federal

agencies impose initial and annual charges for such right-of-way use and permits, which would result in increased cost for basic electric and telephone service to the rural population of Montana; and

WHEREAS, payments to the federal government for such permits would constitute discrimination against the members of the cooperatives because the bylaws of the cooperative require members to grant right-of-way easements at no charge.

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

That this Legislature strongly protests proposals for the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to charge rural electric and telephone cooperatives for right-of-way use and permits and strongly urges that such proposals be rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Montana Congressional Delegation.

-End-

-2- INTRODUCED BILL

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Approved by Committee
on Business and Industry

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W. H. Hammond BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS

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