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1 Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26
2 INTRODUCED BY Senators: Furman, Lynch, Lyle, Spatney,
3 AKRESTAD, Tulle, D. Dickman, J. Thomas

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN
6 INTERIM STUDY OF MONTANA'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS AND
7 REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 49TH
8 LEGISLATURE.

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10 WHEREAS, Montana's unemployment insurance trust fund is
11 currently insolvent; and

12 WHEREAS, effective April 1, 1982, the federal
13 government began charging the states interest on money
14 borrowed from the federal unemployment insurance trust fund
15 at a rate not to exceed 10%; and

16 WHEREAS, Congress is now considering proposals to
17 provide relief for the states from interest charges, some of
18 which are contingent upon the states taking actions to
19 improve the solvency of their funds, based on improvements
20 in the ratio of revenues to benefits paid or based on
21 percentage improvements in revenues raised, benefits
22 lowered, or both; and

23 WHEREAS, concern has been expressed by many groups that
24 Montana's taxable wage base and tax rate structure for
25 purposes of employer contributions to the state unemployment

1 insurance trust fund can be more equitably structured among
2 contributing employers; and

3 WHEREAS, Montana's unemployment insurance laws are
4 highly complex and technical and to a large extent must
5 satisfy federal compliance laws.

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

9 That an appropriate interim committee be assigned to
10 study Montana's unemployment insurance laws with particular
11 attention to:

12 (1) devising a means of restructuring the unemployment
13 insurance tax rate structure and taxable wage base to
14 provide greater equity among contributing employers, based
15 on the benefit charges against the employers;

16 (2) striking a reasonable balance between demands
17 placed on employers and economic safeguards for employees;

18 (3) being apprised of and responding, through proposed
19 legislation or otherwise, to congressional legislation that
20 may provide relief from interest costs to states that have
21 acted to improve the solvency of their unemployment
22 insurance systems;

23 (4) other means of improving the solvency of Montana's
24 unemployment insurance trust fund, including federal
25 government loans to the fund;

1 (5) observing historical patterns with regard to the
2 contributions paid to and the demands placed on Montana's
3 unemployment insurance trust fund on an industry-by-industry
4 basis;

5 (6) the uses, other than benefits, for which money
6 from the fund is expended;

7 (7) the funding of the unemployment insurance
8 administration account and the uses for which the account's
9 money is expended;

10 (8) the interaction between the funding and uses of
11 the unemployment insurance trust fund and the unemployment
12 insurance administration account; and

13 (9) the benefit structure, including what persons are
14 entitled to obtain benefits and under what conditions, and
15 safeguards against false claims.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee consult and
17 work with appropriate government agencies, private
18 industries, labor organizations, and the general public in
19 its study of the unemployment insurance laws.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report its
21 findings and recommendations to the 49th Legislature.

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Approved by Committee
on Labor & Employment
Relations

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *26*

INTRODUCED BY

Anderson, Turner, Lynch, Dwyer, Kautsky
ARLESTAD, Fuller, Christensen, Johnson

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