HOUSE BILL NO. 81

INTRODUCED BY ELLISON, RANEY

IN THE HOUSE

January 7,	1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 8,	1985	On motion by Chief Sponsor, Representative Raney added as sponsor.
January 21	-	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
January 22		Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 24	, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
		Considered correctly engrossed.
January 25	, 1985	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.
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January 26	• -	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 9		Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
February 1	3, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
February 1	•	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 46; Noes, 3.
		Returned to House.

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February 16, 1985

Received from Senate.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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STATE FOSSIL."
WHEREAS, Montana is the home of one of the world's most
important dinosaur discoveries, specifically the duck-billed
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in the world; and
WHEREAS, the duck-billed dinosaur, when newly hatched,
was less than 14 inches long and weighed about 1 $1/2$ pounds
but grew to over 30 feet in length and weighed about 3 tons;
and
WHEREAS, dinosaur sites in Montana contain fossilized
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several different types of dinosaurs; provide valuable
evidence that duck-billed dinosaurs nested in extensive
colonies and had nests 6 feet in diameter that contained as
many as 20 eggs; and demonstrate for the first time parental
care of dinosaur young; and
WHEREAS, the Montana discoveries have tremendous
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 the world for the occurrence of important dinosaur
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 tourist promotion; and

7 WHEREAS, the name Maiasaura peeblesorum means "good 8 mother lizard" (Maiasaura) and honors the Peebles family 9 (peeblesorum), a Montana ranch family from the Choteau area 10 where the discoveries were made.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

13 Section 1. State fossil. The duck-billed dinosaur

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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