

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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IN THE HOUSE

January 7, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 15, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 16, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 19, 1985	Second reading, do pass as amended. Correctly engrossed.
January 21, 1985	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to House.

IN THE SENATE

January 22, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 7, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurrred in as amended. Report adopted.
February 11, 1985	Second reading, pass consideration.
February 14, 1985	Second reading, concurrred in as amended.
February 16, 1985	Third reading, concurrred in. Ayes, 47; Noes, 0. Returned to House.

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February 16, 1985

Received from Senate.

February 20, 1985

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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5 OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
6 AND THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF
7 BANK PROTECTION, STABILIZATION, AND MAINTENANCE ALONG THE
8 MISSOURI RIVER IN MONTANA.

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10 WHEREAS, the Flood Control Act of 1944 assured all 10
11 states within the Missouri River Basin benefits under a
12 control and management program, commonly known as the
13 Pick-Sloan Plan; and

14 WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Plan provided for major flood
15 control, navigational, recreational, and power supply
16 benefits for states below Sioux City, Iowa, through
17 construction of large reservoirs in states above that point;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Plan provided that in return
20 for sacrifices of land necessary to accommodate the flood
21 control protection and other benefits, the states above
22 Sioux City, Iowa, would be assured of adequate water
23 supplies for domestic and agriculture use, as well as power
24 supply and recreational benefits; and

25 WHEREAS, construction of facilities under the

1 Pick-Sloan Plan has resulted, to date, in \$1,659,000,000 of
2 flood protection, which continues to accrue to downstream
3 interests, and has allowed downstream interests to use the
4 original floodplain of the Missouri for the development of
5 industrial, municipal, and agricultural uses; and

6 WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers has stabilized and
7 continues to maintain the channel of the Missouri River from
8 Sioux City, Iowa, to St. Louis, Missouri, in the name of
9 navigation and at federal cost; and

10 WHEREAS, under the Pick-Sloan Plan, the state of
11 Montana has sacrificed some 225,000 acres of land; and

12 WHEREAS, additional lands adjacent to the Missouri,
13 Yellowstone, and Big Horn Rivers and their reservoirs have
14 been and will continue to be seriously eroded and
15 permanently lost to the citizens and state of Montana
16 because of reservoir management that releases highly
17 fluctuating amounts of clear water capable of eroding and
18 transporting large amounts of soil; and

19 WHEREAS, the original Pick-Sloan Plan included
20 protection and maintenance of the riverbanks:

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

24 (1) That the United States Congress, with the
25 assistance of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Montana



1 Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and the
2 local soil and water conservation districts, is urged to
3 reevaluate the bank stabilization program along the
4 Missouri, Yellowstone, and Big Horn Rivers in Montana, to
5 reexamine the Pick-Sloan Program, to develop methods of
6 financing for comprehensive bank stabilization along these
7 rivers, and to provide funds sufficient to construct and
8 maintain the works of improvement.

9 (2) That the Army Corps of Engineers is urged to
10 diligently pursue implementation of the bank protection
11 program.

12 (3) That the Secretary of State forward copies of this
13 resolution to the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Army
14 Corps of Engineers, the United States Department of the
15 Interior, the Montana Association of Conservation Districts,
16 the Montana Board of Natural Resources and Conservation, and
17 the Governors of Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON
NATURAL RESOURCES

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WHEREAS, the Flood Control Act of 1944 assured all states within the Missouri River Basin benefits under a control and management program, commonly known as the Pick-Sloan Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Plan provided for major flood control, navigational, recreational, and power supply benefits for states below Sioux City, Iowa, through construction of large reservoirs in states above that point; and

WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Plan provided that in return for sacrifices of land necessary to accommodate the flood control protection and other benefits, the states above Sioux City, Iowa, would be assured of adequate water supplies for domestic and agriculture use, as well as power supply and recreational benefits; and

WHEREAS, construction of facilities under the

Pick-Sloan Plan has resulted, to date, in \$1,659,000,000 of flood protection, which continues to accrue to downstream interests, and has allowed downstream interests to use the original floodplain of the Missouri for the development of industrial, municipal, and agricultural uses; and

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