SENATE BILL NO. 272

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

IN THE SENATE

January 29, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.				
February 14, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.				
February 15, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.				
February 16, 1985	Second reading, do pass.				
February 18, 1985	Considered correctly engrossed.				
February 19, 1985	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 45; Noes, 0.				
	Transmitted to House.				
IN THE HOUSE					
February 27, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.				
March 18, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.				
March 20, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.				
March 22, 1985	Third reading, concurred in.				
	Returned to Senate.				

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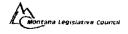
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