

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

1/14 Introduced  
1/14 Referred to Judiciary  
1/25 Hearing  
2/06 Adverse Committee Report  
2/07 Resolution Killed

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2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING ADOPTION  
6 OF A BUDGET FOR THE 1986-87 BIENNIUM THAT REDUCES THE  
7 FUNDING LEVEL FOR STATE GOVERNMENT BY 10 PERCENT FROM THE  
8 CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL.

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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature holds the sole power to  
11 appropriate state funds; and

12 WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted a 1986-87 biennial  
13 executive budget that proposes a \$72.9 million increase in  
14 appropriations as compared to the current biennium; and

15 WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget increase  
16 results in a 10% growth in state spending as compared to the  
17 1984-85 biennium; and

18 WHEREAS, this increase in state spending must be borne  
19 by the people of the state, who carry the burden of taxes to  
20 fund the operation of the state government; and

21 WHEREAS, the state of the economy in Montana has forced  
22 many of the people of the state into financial distress and  
23 hardship; and

24 WHEREAS, the state government continues to grow in size  
25 with the passing of each year and repeatedly requires

1 greater levels of funding for its operation; and

2 WHEREAS, the people of the state are convinced that  
3 state government must exercise greater fiscal responsibility  
4 at a time of personal economic and financial adversity.

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

8 (1) That the Legislature of the State of Montana adopt  
9 a budget for the state government for each year of the  
10 1986-87 biennium that will result in reducing the funding  
11 level for state government by 10% from the current funding  
12 level for each agency, department, and office of the  
13 Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government;

14 (2) That the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
15 of the House of Representatives refer the budgets and budget  
16 bills for each agency and branch of state government to the  
17 proper committees with instructions to effect a reduction in  
18 funding of 10% from the level of funding for the current  
19 biennium authorized for that agency or branch of government;

20 (3) That the appropriate committees of the Senate and  
21 the House of Representatives make all necessary amendments  
22 to the budget bills so as not to affect either the  
23 obligations of the state or the payment of any salaries  
24 required to be paid by the Constitution and laws of the  
25 state;



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1           (4) That the Secretary of State send copies of this  
2 resolution to the publisher of each newspaper in the state,  
3 to the Governor and each other constitutional officer of the  
4 state, to the state budget director, and to each executive  
5 branch department and legislative agency of the state.

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