

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29
INTRODUCED BY WEEDING, TOWE, GALT

IN THE SENATE

February 22, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
February 23, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 25, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 26, 1985	Second reading, do pass. Considered correctly engrossed.
February 27, 1985	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 49; Noes, 1. Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 7, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 26, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
March 30, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
April 1, 1985	Third reading, concurred in. Returned to Senate.

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April 1, 1985	Received from House.
April 2, 1985	Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.

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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING AND
 6 SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF SENATOR DAVE MANNING ON BEHALF OF
 7 OFF-STREAM STORAGE HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT IN THE YELLOWSTONE
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 9 RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION TO COLLECT AND CENTRALIZE THE
 10 INFORMATION SUPPORTING THE GRAVITY DIVERSION CONCEPT,
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 16 No. 861 directing an evaluation of a concept envisioned by
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 20 of Natural Resources and Conservation and conducted by
 21 Morrison-Maierle, Inc., identified 30 potential projects
 22 which satisfied the concept of gravity diversion of excess
 23 Yellowstone River flows to off-stream hydropower generation
 24 sites with eventual return of water to the Yellowstone
 25 River; and

1 WHEREAS, the dedicated and persistent efforts of
 2 Senator Dave Manning resulted in a substantial foundation of
 3 information supporting the concept, including assessments of
 4 hydropower potential, land ownership, site identification,
 5 preliminary engineering reports, cost estimates, and various
 6 informational reports; and

7 WHEREAS, a series of off-stream gravity diversion
 8 facilities along the Yellowstone River could harness the
 9 substantial energy-generation potential of the river's
 10 floodwaters and provide multipurpose benefits resulting from
 11 off-stream storage without restricting the normal river
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 14 promote the conservation, development, and beneficial use of
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 23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
 24 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

25 (1) That the Legislature of the State of Montana

1 recognizes the outstanding efforts of Senator Dave Manning
2 and supports his concept of gravity diversion, off-stream
3 storage, power generation, and multipurpose use of
4 Yellowstone River flood flows and excess unappropriated
5 waters.

6 (2) That the Department of Natural Resources and
7 Conservation, within its staffing and budget limitations
8 under legislative appropriation, for this purpose, collect
9 and centralize the information supporting the gravity
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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