

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

4/04 Introduced
4/08 Referred to Highways & Transportation
4/11 Hearing
4/17 On Motion Rules Suspended Placed On 3rd
Reading 85th Day
4/18 Committee Report-Bill Pass As Amended
4/19 2nd Reading Pass
4/19 3rd Reading pass

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1 Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38
 2 INTRODUCED BY Al Hammond E. Smith

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTING UNITED
 6 STATES SENATE BILL 447 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL
 7 1140 IN THE CONGRESS, SUCH BILL BEING THE RAILROAD
 8 ANTI-MONOPOLY ACT OF 1985.

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 10 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that Burlington
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 12 shipping in Montana in the establishment of freight rates
 13 for Montana shippers; and

14 WHEREAS, the establishment of effective railroad
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 16 more reasonable transportation costs; and

17 WHEREAS, the presence or potential presence of another
 18 railroad in Montana could provide a valuable tool to Montana
 19 shippers in gaining competitive freight rates; and

20 WHEREAS, Congress is considering the Railroad
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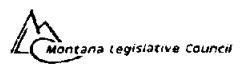
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 2 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 4 Congress pass the Railroad Anti-Monopoly Act of 1985 to
 5 provide relief to the State of Montana and to the shippers
 6 within the state from the grip which Burlington Northern has
 7 by virtue of its monopoly position in Montana.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
 9 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the
 10 United States, to each member of the Montana Congressional
 11 Delegation, to the majority leader and the minority leader
 12 of the United States Senate, and to the Speaker and the
 13 minority leader of the United States House of
 14 Representatives.

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INTRODUCED BILL
 SJR 38



APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

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SECOND READING

