

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

INTRODUCED BY CHRISTIAENS, STEPHENS, NORMAN

IN THE SENATE

April 19, 1985	Rules suspended to allow introduction of SJR No. 44.
April 24, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
	On motion, rules suspended. Bill referred to second reading for consideration this day.
	Second reading, do pass.
	On motion, rules suspended. Bill placed on calendar for third reading this day.
	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 45; Noes, 2.
	Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

April 25, 1985	On motion, rules suspended to allow introduction of SJR No. 44 in House.
	Introduced and referred to Committee on Taxation.
	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.

April 25, 1985

Second reading, concurred in.

Third reading, concurred in.

Returned to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 25, 1985

Received from House.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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2 INTRODUCED BY *Christopher STEPHENS Norman*

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO  
6 ALLOW STATE ASSUMPTION OF THE 8-CENT FEDERAL CIGARETTE  
7 EXCISE TAX SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 1, 1985.

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9 WHEREAS, President Reagan's executive budget proposal  
10 did not envision a continuation of the federal 8-cent excise  
11 tax on cigarettes scheduled to expire on October 1, 1985;  
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13 WHEREAS, Congress has passed legislation that provides  
14 for the federal cigarette excise tax to decrease by 8 cents,  
15 and thereby states would be allowed to assume the tax  
16 without imposing a new tax on consumers; and

17 WHEREAS, state assumption of the federal cigarette  
18 excise tax would represent an important source of revenue  
19 for state government to partially offset reduced federal  
20 revenue; and

21 WHEREAS, 32 states are considering or have already  
22 enacted legislation to assume the federal cigarette tax; and

23 WHEREAS, the Reagan Administration announced to the  
24 National Governor's Association winter meeting that it is  
25 interested in having states assume that portion of the

1 federal cigarette excise tax that is scheduled to expire;  
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3 WHEREAS, OMB Director David Stockman has stated  
4 unequivocally that the Administration will take a hard line  
5 against any reinstatement of the federal excise tax; and

6 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures  
7 adopted a resolution in March of 1985 urging Congress to  
8 allow the federal excise tax on cigarettes to sunset.

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

12 That the Legislature of the State of Montana strongly  
13 urges the Congress of the United States to allow the 8-cent  
14 federal excise tax on cigarettes to expire on October 1,  
15 1985, and thereby provide the opportunity for state  
16 governments to assume this tax for the benefit of their  
17 citizens.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State  
19 send a copy of this resolution to the President of the  
20 United States and to Montana's United States Senators and  
21 Representatives.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
ON TAXATION

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THIRD READING

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