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APPROPRIATION OF COAL TRUST MONEY FOR FISCAL YEARS 1988 AND 1989 BY REQUEST OF GOVERNOR

- 3/20 INTRODUCED
- 3/20 REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS
- 3/31 HEARING
- 4/15 TAKEN FROM COMMITTEE 51 47
- 4/23 2ND READING NOT PASSED AS AMENDED 50 50

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House BILL NO. 891 1 INTRODUCED BY M. Williams 2 3 BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS 5 FROM THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND FOR FISCAL YEARS б 7 1987, 1988, AND 1989; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE." 8 9 WHEREAS, state services supported by the general fund 10 have been reduced during the current biennium; and 11 WHEREAS, full-time employment in state government is at 12 its lowest level since 1975; and 13 14 WHEREAS, state agencies cannot make significant 15 additional funding cuts or personnel cuts without 16 significant reductions in services; and WHEREAS, for fiscal years 1987, 1988, and 1989, 17 deficits are projected if current levels of state services 18 are retained and current low revenues continue; and 19 WHEREAS, Montana's economy is expected to improve in 20 21 coming years; and WHEREAS, a temporary source of additional revenue for 22 the general fund is needed; and 23 24 WHEREAS, Montana's taxpayers can ill afford an increase 25 in general taxes; and

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WHEREAS, dedications from the coal severance tax
 collections to the permanent trust fund for fiscal years
 1987, 1988, and 1989 are expected to be \$38.941 million,
 \$38.996 million, and \$39.790 million, respectively; and

5 WHEREAS, a diversion of three-fourths of the coal tax 6 revenues that would otherwise be dedicated to the permanent 7 trust fund will allow the state's budget to be balanced 8 without a tax increase; and

9 WHEREAS, the diversion of three-fourths of the 10 permanent trust fund dedication will retain the allocation 11 to the Montana in-state investment fund authorized by the 12 people in Initiative 95; and

WHEREAS, the coal severance tax permanent trust fund
will continue to grow and to provide a resource for
Montana's future; and

16 WHEREAS, more than \$300 million now in the coal
17 severance tax permanent fund is subject to appropriation by
18 a three-fourths vote of the Legislature.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

21 Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated from 22 the coal severance tax permanent fund created in 23 17-5-703(1)(b), but not from the Montana in-state investment 24 fund created in 17-6-306, to the general fund for the fiscal 25 year:

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- 1 (1) ending June 30, 1987, \$29,206,000;
- 2 (2) beginning July 1, 1987, \$29,247,000; and
- 3 (3) beginning July 1, 1988, \$29,843,000.

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Section 2. Three-fourths vote required. Because
section 1 appropriates money from the coal severance tax
permanent fund, Article IX, section 5, of the Montana
constitution requires a vote of three-fourths of the members
of each house for passage.

9 Section 3. Effective date. This act is effective on

10 passage and approval.

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