

HJR 7      INTRODUCED BY ASAY, ET AL.  
RESOLUTION TO FOCUS LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS ON FISCAL  
MATTERS

1/19    INTRODUCED  
1/19    REFERRED TO RULES  
1/21    HEARING  
1/23    TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7  
2 INTRODUCED BY Ray A. [Signature]  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOMMENDING  
6 PRIORITY OF FISCAL MATTERS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE.

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8 WHEREAS, the Montana Constitution charges the  
9 Legislature with appropriating Montana's funds, establishing  
10 Montana's revenue, and causing the State of Montana to  
11 operate within a balanced budget; and

12 WHEREAS, proper resolution of fiscal matters is of  
13 utmost concern to the Legislature and to the people of the  
14 state; and

15 WHEREAS, nonfiscal matters compete with fiscal matters  
16 for the attention of the Legislature; and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to properly execute  
18 its duties to the people of the state and their  
19 Constitution.

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

23 That appropriation, taxation, and budgetary matters  
24 have first priority before committees of the Montana  
25 Legislature; and

1 That appropriation, taxation, and budgetary matters  
2 have first priority with legislative staff, including the  
3 Legislative Council staff; and

4 That the Governor is hereby requested to give first  
5 priority and cooperation, and the priority and cooperation  
6 of the Executive Branch, to the early resolution of such  
7 fiscal matters; and

8 That the House and the Senate shall adjust, adopt, or  
9 suspend rules to move any such fiscal matters to the top of  
10 each day's agenda, and shall develop and use such other  
11 procedures as needed to assist in accomplishing the intent  
12 of this resolution; and

13 That the House Committee on Appropriations and the  
14 Senate Committee on Finance and Claims are instructed to  
15 review all earmarked revenue budgets and to submit the  
16 results of their reviews to their respective chambers,  
17 indicating whether funds earmarked in those budgets may be  
18 transferred to the general fund and, if not, precisely the  
19 reason or reasons why not.

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