# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

# INTRODUCED BY DONALDSON, GILBERT, SCHYE, HOFMAN HAMMOND, WEEDING, HOFFMAN, MEYERS, SEVERSON

# IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 26, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION.
FEBRUARY 13, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 14, 1987	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 16, 1987	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 17, 1987	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 94; NOES, 1.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.
IN	THE SENATE
FEBRUARY 19, 1987	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION.
MARCH 9, 1987	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 12, 1987	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 14, 1987	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.
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MARCH 14, 1987	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.

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WHEREAS, the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, Public Law 11 97-293, was passed by the Congress of the United States; and 12 WHEREAS, under that act an increased acreage limitation 13 of 960 acres is available for federal water projects, with 14 an equivalency factor to increase acreages on land with 15 lower productive and economic potential due to topography, 16 17 soil characteristics, length of growing season, elevation, 18 adequacy of water supply, and crop adaptability; and

19 WHEREAS, the House-Senate Conference Committee
20 addressed development of an equivalency factor by the
21 Secretary of the Interior not limited to an existing land
22 classification system; and

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in some other areas served by federal water projects; and 1 2 WHEREAS, the equivalency factor was intended to equalize this difference by increasing the acreage limit for 3 lands with less productive and economic potential; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Interior has adopted a б method that determines equivalency within a district based 7 on land classification; and 8 WHEREAS, this determination does not address Montana's limitations due to topography, soil characteristics, length 9 10 of growing season, elevation, adequacy of water supply, and 11 crop adaptability; and WHEREAS, the proposed equivalency determination would 12 be expensive for a Montana federal water project user on a 13 per-acre basis with no relief from the acreage limitation. 14 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE 16 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: 17 18 (1) That the Montana Congressional Delegation be urged 19 to initiate an amendment to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 to provide a more equitable acreage limitation 20

recognizing an equivalency factor based on topography, soil
 characteristics, length of growing season, elevation,
 adequacy of water supply, and crop adaptability.

24 (2) That the equivalency factor for Montana be:

25 (a) 2 acres allowed for each class I acre;

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(b) 3 acres allowed for each class II acre; and
 (c) 4 acres allowed for each class III acre.
 (3) That copies of this resolution be sent by the
 Secretary of State to each member of the Montana
 Congressional Delegation.

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#### APPROVED BY COMMITTEE On Agriculture Livestock & Irrigation

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2 (c) 4 acres allowed for each class III acre.

3 (3) That copies of this resolution be sent by the
4 Secretary of State to each member of the Montana

5 Congressional Delegation.

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