

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

INTRODUCED BY ASAY, QUILICI, WINSLOW, ADDY, VINCENT,
WALLIN, LORY, RAMIREZ

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 14, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON BUSINESS & LABOR.

APRIL 15, 1987 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

APRIL 16, 1987 PRINTING REPORT.

 SECOND READING, DO PASS.

APRIL 17, 1987 ENGROSSING REPORT.

 THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 88; NOES, 7.

 TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 22, 1987 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.

 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

APRIL 23, 1987 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 50; NOES, 0.

 RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 23, 1987 RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

 SENT TO ENROLLING.

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Clay Swilley Wanda Adley
 3 Vincent Willard Log Ramirez
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO URGE THE
 6 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE
 7 ON TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR MONTANA.

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 10 contribute to the expansion and improvement of many vital
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15 WHEREAS, there is a need for the various interested
 16 parties to begin to share knowledge, plans, and
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1 serve the rural communities in the state; and
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 3 telecommunication technologies for Montana would be a signal
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 5 vital area; and

6 WHEREAS, money is appropriated in House Bill No. 2,
 7 contingent on the passage and approval of House Bill No.
 8 862, to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature urges the Commissioner of
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22 (a) identify and work towards the resolution of policy
 23 issues that may impede the implementation of a coordinated
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