

SJR 10 INTRODUCED BY ABRAMS, SMITH, E., GIACOMETTO, ET AL.
URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND ENABLING ACT TO EXEMPT
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM FEES

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Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

INTRODUCED BY *Obama E. Smith* *Democrats*
John E. NATHANWAY *Republicans* *William Brullman* *House*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE ENABLING ACT TO PERMIT THE STATE TO EXEMPT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ROYALTIES, FEES, BONDS, AND PENALTIES FOR THE EXTRACTION OF STONE, GRAVEL, AND SAND FROM STATE LANDS.

WHEREAS, the Enabling Act provides that lands of the State of Montana that have been granted by Congress may not be disposed of except for full market value; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the people of the state, access to deposits of stone, gravel, and sand on lands held in trust by the state is needed by local governments for construction, maintenance, and improvement of public roads, streets, bridges, and alleys; and

WHEREAS, the requirement that royalties or fees be paid for the extraction of nonmetallic minerals from state lands creates a burden on local governments and the citizens who pay taxes to support them; and

WHEREAS, amending the Enabling Act to exempt local governments from royalties, fees, bonds, and penalties for the extraction of stone, gravel, and sand from public lands would benefit all the people of the state.

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

That the Montana Legislature calls upon the Montana Congressional Delegation to urge Congress to amend the Enabling Act to exempt local governments from royalties, fees, bonds, and penalties for the extraction of stone, gravel, and sand from lands held in trust by the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Governor and to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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