

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

INTRODUCED BY RANEY, B. BROWN, BRADLEY,
ADDY, STICKNEY, WALLIN, VINCENT, HOFMAN,
ECK, BOYLAN, JACOBSON, WALKER, ANDERSON,
BLAYLOCK, WYATT, L. NELSON, JOHNSON, GERVAIS,
COCCHIARELLA, CAMPBELL, ELLISON, D. BROWN

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 17, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.
JANUARY 18, 1989	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 21, 1989	ON MOTION BY CHIEF SPONSOR, REPRESENTATIVES WYATT, L. NELSON, JOHNSON, GERVAIS, COCCHIARELLA, CAMPBELL, ELLISON, AND D. BROWN ADDED AS SPONSORS.
MARCH 2, 1989	ON MOTION BY CHIEF SPONSOR, SENATORS ECK, BOYLAN, JACOBSON, WALKER, ANDERSON, BLAYLOCK, AND HOFMAN ADDED AS SPONSORS.
MARCH 18, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 20, 1989	PRINTING REPORT. SECOND READING, DO PASS.
MARCH 21, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
MARCH 22, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 59; NOES, 37. TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 22, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & CLAIMS. FIRST READING.
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IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 8, 1989

ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED TO ALLOW
TO ALLOW TRANSMITTAL AFTER 83RD DAY

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 15, 1989

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

APRIL 17, 1989

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 19, 1989

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 34; NOES, 16.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

APRIL 19, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *House* BILL NO. *277*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Raney BoS Brown Brady Kelly*
 3 *Steeny Vincent*

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR
 5 THE SUPPORT AND PRODUCTION OF PROGRAMMING AND FOR
 6 MAINTENANCE OF KUSM, THE ONLY LICENSED PUBLIC TELEVISION
 7 STATION IN MONTANA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 9 WHEREAS, Montana was the last state in the United
 10 States to establish a full-service public television
 11 station; and

12 WHEREAS, Montana's public television station, KUSM,
 13 located at Montana State University, currently serves
 14 140,000 Montana homes daily by providing service to
 15 subscribers in Miles City, Baker, Glendive, Sidney,
 16 Billings, Laurel, Big Timber, Lewistown, Helena, Havre,
 17 Shelby, Cut Bank, Great Falls, Anaconda, Butte, Deer Lodge,
 18 Livingston, Bozeman, Manhattan, Belgrade, and
 19 Gallatin-Gateway and is scheduled to begin serving Chinook,
 20 Harlem, Malta, and Glasgow later in 1989; and

21 WHEREAS, the level of support for public television has
 22 been demonstrated through private and public contributions,
 23 including \$70,000 from 2,000 contributors in Montana;
 24 \$20,000 plus the use of facilities from Montana State
 25 University; and a \$275,000 grant from the Corporation for

1 Public Broadcasting, a private entity funded by the United
 2 States Congress; and

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 5 and governmental agencies by enabling Montana citizens to
 6 benefit from special programming designed by and for
 7 Montanans; and

8 WHEREAS, public television provides opportunities for
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 13 staff, the spirit of cooperation between KUSM and schools,
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17 WHEREAS, state support is already available for public
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19 WHEREAS, KUSM provides low-power Montana television
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 21 programs through a licensing agreement with PBS.

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

24 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. There is
 25 appropriated from the general fund to KUSM at Montana State

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1 University \$435,800 for the 1990-91 biennium to pay for
2 programming, engineering support services, maintenance, and
3 clerical services for the public television station.

4 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** Effective date. [This act] is
5 effective July 1, 1989.

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State of Montana
Office of the Governor
Helena, Montana 59620
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STAN STEPHENS
GOVERNOR

April 27, 1989

The Honorable John Vincent
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

The Honorable Jack Galt
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Representative Vincent and Senator Galt:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, I hereby veto the adoption of House Bill 277, "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT AND PRODUCTION OF PROGRAMMING AND FOR MAINTENANCE OF KUSM, THE ONLY LICENSED PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION IN MONTANA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE." for the following reasons.

KUSM is a worthy full-service public television station serving many communities. Special programming in public affairs, economic development and education is beneficial to many people of our state. This has all been accomplished, for the most part, through private donations and PBC grants.

House Bill 277 appropriates \$100,000 of public funds for the operating expenses of public television. This is a first-time appropriation for the general operation of public television using state general fund monies. This commitment would be ongoing once there was reliance on state general fund monies.

The State of Montana cannot permit the continued growth in government spending and reliance on government dollars without a compelling public policy interest. Historically, these appropriations create further reliance in future years for taxpayer dollars for public television. Montana cannot afford these additional costs at this time.

The Honorable John Vincent
The Honorable Jack Galt
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I recognize the worthiness of this project. I also recognize, however, other public broadcasting facilities have existed without government monies. Since there has been no demonstrated compelling public policy interest for increased government spending, I must veto House Bill 277.

Sincerely,

STAN STEPHENS
Governor