

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

INTRODUCED BY SPAETH, STICKNEY, GRADY, PAVLOVICH,
DAILY, KILPATRICK, O'KEEFE, VINCENT, KASTEN, ZOOK, J. BROWN

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 8, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.
FEBRUARY 9, 1989	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 16, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 17, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 20, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS. ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 21, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 97; NOES, 0. TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION. FIRST READING.
MARCH 17, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 18, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 21, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 48; NOES, 1. RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 22, 1989	RECEIVED FROM SENATE.
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SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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3 *Daily* *Montana* *Ref* *Vincent* *Keston* *Mc* *Brown*

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21 closed ward at the Fort Harrison facility, and to proceed
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State
25 send copies of this resolution to the President of the

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON APPROPRIATIONS

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 3 *Daily House Rep.*
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Speech History
Daily Affair
Ref *Vincent* *Tester* *Joe* *Brown*

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