

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

INTRODUCED BY REAM, GLASER, O'KEEFE, HANNAH  
WESTLAKE, RAMIREZ, HARPER, SPAETH, IVERSON,  
SCHYE, BARDANOUVE, GIACOMETTO, YELLOWTAIL,  
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IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 8, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION.
FEBRUARY 9, 1989	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 11, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 13, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 14, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 15, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 16, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 93; NOES, 3.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 17, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 2, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 3, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 6, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 50; NOES, 0.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 8, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS  
CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 9, 1989

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS  
CONCURRED IN.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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 3 Whitaker Ramsey Harper Speth Verbit Dehne  
 4 Bauman Ammons Yellowtail Coff  
 5 Bengtson Stybloch  
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 9 REHABILITATING IRRIGATION PROJECT FACILITIES IN THE UPPER  
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 12 Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Plan in the federal Flood Control  
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 16 of multiple-purpose benefits to the Missouri Basin states,  
 17 including irrigation, hydroelectric power generation, flood  
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 24 have been realized, including over \$1.8 billion in flood  
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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK  
& IRRIGATION

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3 *Whitake*  
4 *Ramsey* *Speth* *DeLoach* *Lehr*  
5 *Bentley* *Blanch* *Montana* *Yellowtail*  
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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 1, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation, having had under consideration HJR 22 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HJR 22 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

Sponsor: Ream (Yellowtail)

1. Title, line 8.

Following: "STATES"

Insert: "AND PICK-SLOAN MISSOURI BASIN POWER FOR IRRIGATION PUMPING  
FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN THE UPPER MISSOURI BASIN STATES"

2. Page 3, line 1.

Following: "projects"

Insert: "and the use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Plan electric  
power for irrigation pumping on irrigation projects"

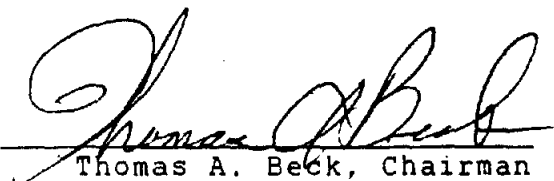
3. Page 3, line 11.

Following: line 10

Insert: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Congress  
is urged to authorize the use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin  
Plan power for irrigation pumping for irrigation projects  
located in the Yellowstone River Basin in Montana."

AND AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Thomas A. Beck, Chairman

SENATE

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