

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 11, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING.
FEBRUARY 13, 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, 99; NOES, 1.  TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY.  FIRST READING.
MARCH 18, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 20, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 22, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.

AYES, 49; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 22, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *Spink* *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *24* *Ellison*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Carlton Daily* *Spaulf Moore*  
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS *One Brown*  
 4 *Blotkamp* *Stokely* *Bonair* *Zeigler* *Stevens*  
 5 *Stacy* *Paulsen* *Boydell* *Harrison* *James* *Ream*  
 6 *Bickel* *Booth* *Booth* *Phillips* *Swygand*  
 7 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING IMMEDIATE  
 9 CONSTRUCTION OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES AT THE VETERANS'  
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24 WHEREAS, the 26 nursing home beds in the Veterans'  
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3 WHEREAS, there are no other Veterans' Administration  
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