

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

INTRODUCED BY D. BROWN, PAVLOVICH, DAILY, SIMON, REHBERG,
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KEATING, HARP, STIMATZ, BISHOP, HAGER, MCDONOUGH

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 14, 1989

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 15, 1989

ON MOTION BY CHIEF SPONSOR,
REPRESENTATIVES HANNAH, QUILICI,
RAMIREZ, MCDONOUGH; AND SENATORS
LYNCH, MCCLANE, CRIPPEN, KEATING, HARP,
STIMATZ, BISHOP, AND HAGER ADDED AS
SPONSORS.

FEBRUARY 16, 1989

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 18, 1989

SECOND READING, DO PASS.

FEBRUARY 20, 1989

ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 21, 1989

THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 99; NOES, 0.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1989

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 8, 1989

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 9, 1989

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 11, 1989

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 44; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 11, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Jim Bran* *Carlson* *Darf*
 3 *Sam Reberg* *Insoll* *Adley* *Boh* *Neudor*
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING RECOGNITION
 6 OF THE THREAT TO MONTANA'S COAL INDUSTRY POSED BY FEDERAL
 7 ACID RAIN LEGISLATION AND REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE
 8 MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS PROGRAM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLEAN
 9 COAL TECHNOLOGIES AND URGING THE COAL TAX OVERSIGHT
 10 SUBCOMMITTEE, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL
 11 DELEGATION TO GIVE PRIORITY TO CONSIDERATION OF THOSE
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 19 2000; and

20 WHEREAS, mandated reductions may be achieved by
 21 installation of conventional technology (scrubbers) or
 22 through the utilization of clean coal technologies; and

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 25 technology to be paid from a trust fund accumulated from a

1 national fee on the generation of electricity; and

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 6 midwestern states in generating facilities that benefit the
 7 residents of those regions; and

8 WHEREAS, passage of acid rain legislation in many of
 9 the forms under consideration would restrain and restrict
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 15 technologies, which is proceeding in Montana, promises to
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 18 coal-fired electric generation with minimal environmental
 19 impacts and less water use;

20 (2) markedly increase the energy content of Montana
 21 coal;

22 (3) substantially improve the acceptability of Montana
 23 coal on a national sales and purchase basis; and

24 (4) contribute to resolution of national and
 25 international acid rain problems without the potential

1 crippling impact of some proposed legislation; and

2 WHEREAS, the J. E. Corette Plant in Billings is a prime
3 candidate for designation of MHD retrofit as a
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7 research; and

8 WHEREAS, Montana's excess capacity in existing coal
9 mines and its vast reserves of recoverable coal are among
10 the state's most valuable assets for future economic growth.

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

14 That the Legislature, the Governor of the State of
15 Montana, and the Montana Congressional Selegation:

16 (1) recognize and counter any challenge posed to
17 Montana by federal acid rain legislation;

18 (2) emphasize in Montana's economic objectives the
19 perfection of clean coal technology to increase the
20 acceptability of Montana coal in nationwide markets;

21 (3) advocate and promote the magnetohydrodynamics
22 technology and the J. E. Corette Plant in Billings for MHD
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24 national Clean Coal Technology Program; and

25 (4) encourage and promote the sale of Montana coal as

1 a significant state economic objective.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coal Tax Oversight
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4 subjects for consideration during the 1989-90 interim.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON
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