

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

INTRODUCED BY RANEY, OWENS, O'KEEFE, CLARK, HARPER,
BROOKE, MCDONOUGH, GILBERT, ADDY, SMITH, MOORE, ROTH,
GIACOMETTO, KADAS, HANNAH, VINCENT

BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 15, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.
FEBRUARY 16, 1989	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 18, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
FEBRUARY 20, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 21, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS. ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 22, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 84; NOES, 15. TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES. FIRST READING.
MARCH 20, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 21, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 23, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 44; NOES, 5.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 23, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA EXPRESSING THE OPPOSITION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO THE USE OF MONTANA WATERS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF COAL UNTIL MONTANA'S WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATION PROCESS IS COMPLETE.

WHEREAS, Montana's water is a precious resource that is necessary and claimed for agricultural, domestic, recreational, and industrial beneficial uses; and

WHEREAS, Montana's Yellowstone, Missouri, and Powder River Basins have suffered from a drastic drought that has depleted the supply of water in mountain watersheds and Pick-Sloan and other storage projects all along the mainstem of the Missouri; and

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WHEREAS, this proposed federal legislation would permit coal slurry pipeline consortiums the right of eminent domain

for the transportation of Montana coal, using Montana water, to distant utilities; and

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INTRODUCED BILL
HJR 29

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