

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

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QUILICI, COHEN, PAVLOVICH, RANEY, DAILY,  
STRIZICH, GERVAIS, WHALEN, KIMBERLEY,  
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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 13, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FISH & GAME.
MARCH 14, 1989	FIRST READING.
MARCH 17, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 18, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
MARCH 30, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
MARCH 31, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
APRIL 1, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 87; NOES, 4.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 3, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FISH & GAME.
	FIRST READING.
APRIL 10, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
APRIL 11, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
APRIL 13, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 42; NOES, 6.
	RETURNED TO HOUSE.

APRIL 14, 1989

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RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *Raney* *House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *32* *Parlow*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Ream* *Chitt* *Butter* *Smith* *Don*  
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE *Ellison*  
 4 *Daily* *St. Elmer* *Whalen* *Trimble* *Adley*  
 5 *Taggart* *Spaeth* *Russell* *Seider* *Wright*  
 6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
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 9 SOLUTIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF ELK AND BISON IN  
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18 WHEREAS, the migratory population of Yellowstone Park's  
 19 northern herds of elk has important winter ranges within the  
 20 State of Montana; and

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 22 program, combined with the impacts of fire and drought, has  
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25 WHEREAS, significant elk mortality from malnutrition is

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