HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

INTRODUCED BY STEPPLER, GIACOMETTO, YELLOWTAIL, CODY, GAGE, WESTLAKE, SPAETH, L. NELSON, IVERSON, GRADY, SCHYE, KNAPP, ELLIOTT, DAVIS, BACHINI, DEMARS, PECK, STICKNEY, GUTHRIE, ABRAMS, JOHNSON, BARDANOUVE, JERGESON, WEEDING, VINCENT, KADAS, BLOTKAMP, GERVAIS, HARRINGTON, ANDERSON, BOYLAN, RUSSELL, DRISCOLL, REAM, HARPER

IN THE HOUSE

- APRIL 5, 1989 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION.
- APRIL 6, 1989 FIRST READING.
- APRIL 7, 1989 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
- APRIL 8, 1989 PRINTING REPORT.
- APRIL 10, 1989 SECOND READING, DO PASS.
- APRIL 11, 1989 ENGROSSING REPORT.
- APRIL 12, 1989 THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 91; NOES, 6.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

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APRIL 13, 1989 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY.

FIRST READING.

ON MOTION, REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION.

- APRIL 17, 1989 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
- APRIL 18, 1989 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 19, 1989

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THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 43; NOES, 7. RETURNED TO HOUSE. IN THE HOUSE RECEIVED FROM SENATE. SENT TO ENROLLING. REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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20 WHEREAS, continued concentration and vertical 21 integration of the livestock industry may also have serious 22 adverse implications for the health and safety of both 23 workers and consumers.

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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE



OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That an appropriate interim committee be assigned:

3 (1) to examine the implications for Montana
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5 packing industries;

(2) to study initiatives undertaken by other states regarding this issue of concentration in the livestock industry; and

9 (3) to evaluate appropriate state actions to 10 counteract any adverse problems posed by increased concentration or to prevent further concentration in the 11 12 livestock industry, as identified in the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee report the findings of the study to the 52nd Legislature and present options for legislative consideration if the interim committee determines that options are necessary.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Legislature 18 formally request Montana's Congressional Delegation to 19 initiate Congressional field hearings to investigate the 20 implications of concentration in the livestock industry in 21 order to facilitate and formulate appropriate federal 22 responses to this important issue.

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-2- INTRODUCED BILL HJR 43

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-2- THIRD READING HJR43

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