

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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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.

IN THE SENATE

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

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 43; NOES, 7.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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APRIL 19, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, REQUESTING ANINTERIM STUDY OF THE CONCENTRATION OF THE LIVESTOCK FEEDING
AND PACKING INDUSTRIES; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE
FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 52ND LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the market share of the top four beef packing
companies has increased dramatically from just one-third of
the market in 1978 to over two-thirds of the market in 1988;
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vitality of the communities and states dependent on the
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WHEREAS, continued concentration and vertical
integration of the livestock industry may also have serious
adverse implications for the health and safety of both
workers and consumers.

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

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That an appropriate interim committee be assigned:

(1) to examine the implications for Montana
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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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Legislature
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initiate Congressional field hearings to investigate the
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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK
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