

SENATE BILL 222

Introduced by Fritz, et al.

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1/20 First Reading
2/09 Hearing
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2/15 Committee Report--Bill Passed
2/17 2nd Reading Passed
2/18 3rd Reading Passed

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3/20 Committee Report--Bill Concurred as Amended
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1 Schultz BILL NO. 222
2 INTRODUCED BY Fritz Yellowtail Hawai'i Reed
3 Raeann Gregory Stacy Kodoski Kanevsky
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5 WITH AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY AS A LEGAL STATE HOLIDAY
6 AND COMMEMORATIVE DAY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND AMENDING
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WHEREAS, American Indians are the state's largest ethnic minority, approximately 6% of Montana's total population and 10% of Montana's elementary school population; and

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Senate BILL NO. 222

Fritz Yellowtail Grayson Russell
Rear *Joyce Grayson Kodaroth Ravey*

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14 January;
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25 (h) ~~Columbus~~ American Indian Heritage Day, the second
Monday in October;
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2 (i) Veterans' Day, November 11;
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4 (j) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;
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6 (k) Christmas Day, December 25;
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8 (l) State general election day.
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12 holiday. All other days are business days."

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on State Administration report that Senate Bill 222 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: Dick Simpkins
Dick Simpkins, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

Carried by: Rep. Simpkins

1. Title, lines 4 through 6.

Strike: "REPLACING" on line 4 through "WITH" on line 5

Insert: "DESIGNATING"

Strike: "LEGAL" on line 5 through "AND" on line 6

2. Title, line 7.

Strike: "SECTIONS 1-1-216 and"

Insert: "SECTION"

3. Page 1.

Following: line 18

Insert: "WHEREAS, by proclamation or legislative enactment, several other states have designated a day to commemorate American Indian heritage; and"

4. Page 1, lines 19 through 21.

Strike: "modern" on line 19 through "America" on line 21

Insert: "in 1975, a joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana encouraged the Governor to designate the fourth Friday in September as "Native American Heritage Day" in Montana

5. Page 1, line 24.

Strike: "changing Columbus Day to"

Insert: "designating the fourth Friday in September as"

6. Page 1, line 25.

Following: "Day"

Insert: "to be commemorated in Montana's public schools"

7. Page 2, lines 3 through 23.

Strike: Section 1 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent section

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Committee Vote:
Yes 11, No 5.

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