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1975 MONTANA LEGISLATURE VOTING RECORD
RELEASED BY UM STUDENT COMMITTEE

MISSOULA--

The Legislative Committee of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) in Missoula, has compiled and released 1975 Montana state legislators' voting records on eight selected bills.

Patricia Ann Pomeroy, Polson, chairman of the ASUM Legislative Committee, who also is ASUM vice president, said, "We are releasing this record to give voters in Montana more of an idea of how their legislators acted on bills supported by the Montana Student Lobby/in (MSL) 1975. We hope Montanans will use the record to vote intelligently in the primaries on Tuesday."

The following is a listing and brief descriptions of the selected bills proposed in the 1975 Montana legislative session and a table of each legislator's vote. The number preceding each description corresponds to a number indicating the bill at the top of the table, which follows the list.

--1. Senate Bill (SB) 86, proposed by Sen. Thomas E. Towe, D-Billings, passed both houses of the Legislature. A bill for an act entitled "An act creating a fund for research, development of alternative energy sources and allocating certain revenue from coal taxes to the fund; directing the Montana department of natural resources and conservation to make grants from the fund in support of alternative energy research; providing for an alternative energy advisory committee; amending section 84-1309.1, Revised Codes of Montana (R.C.M.) 1947."

--2 Senate Joint Resolution 20, proposed by Sen. Terry Murphy, D-Cardwell, was killed in the Senate. A joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Montana to rescind by legislative resolution the resolution of the forty-third legislature ratifying the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States relating to equal rights on the basis of sex. The committee handling the bill recommended do not pass. MSL supported a "yes" vote to not pass the resolution, in effect upholding the resolution ratifying the amendment.

--3. SB 128, proposed by Chet Blaylock, D-Laurel, was killed in the Senate. "An act to require the use of reusable beverage containers for beer and soft drinks." The committee handling the bill recommended do not pass. MSL supported the bill and therefore supported a "no" vote on the committee recommendation.

--4. House Bill (HB) 160, proposed by Gary Niles Kimble, D-Missoula, was killed in the Senate. A bill for an act entitled "An act to create a Montana bike paths commission; and appropriating funds for expenses incurred by the commission in the discharge of its duties." The MSL supported the bill, however the Senate committee handling the bill made a "do not pass" recommendation, MSL therefore supported a "no" vote to override the committee recommendation.

--5. HB 161, also proposed by Kimble, passed both houses. A bill for an act entitled "An act to be known as the Montana Traffic Safety Act of 1975; providing for the construction of footpaths and bicycle trails along highways."

--6. HB 262, proposed by Rep. Bob Palmer, D-Missoula, was killed in the Senate. A bill for an act entitled "An act to enact the uniform residential landlord and tenant act; fixing the rights and duties of landlords and tenants in rented dwellings; repealing Sections 42-201 to 42-207, R.C.M. 1947; and providing an effective date."

--7. HB 271 proposed by Rep. Francis Bardanouve, D-Harlem, passed both houses. A bill for an act entitled "An act to appropriate monies to the board of regents for the University system units for the biennium ending June 30, 1977, and providing for other matters relating to the appropriations."

--8. HB 656 proposed by Rep. Duane Johnson, D-Missoula, passed both houses. A bill for an act entitled "An act to amend sections 59-1602, R.C.M. 1947, by allowing student representatives to participate in negotiations involving the board of regents and public employees in certain cases; and providing an immediate effective date."

A capital letter "Y" or "N" on the following table indicates a "Yes" or "No" vote supported by MSL. A small letter indicates a "yes" or "no" vote not supported by committee. An "a" or "e" indicates absent or excused, respectively.

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