

ORIGINAL SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION
FILE NO. 0004

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ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3, SENATE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2002 SPECIAL SESSION

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to direct all federal authorities responsible for wolf reintroduction in the state of Wyoming to manage wolves so that the elk, moose and deer population, moose and deer habitats and elk feed grounds are preserved and to reimburse the state for the loss of elk, moose and deer to wolves.

WHEREAS, the federal government is responsible for the reintroduction of wolves in the state of Wyoming;

WHEREAS, elk, moose and deer are important to the recreational and economic interests of the people of the state of Wyoming;

WHEREAS, the use of elk feed grounds provides positive benefits for the people of the state of Wyoming by maintaining elk population objectives at different locations in the state;

WHEREAS, the introduction of wolves creates a negative impact on habitats for moose and deer, and wolves kill and displace moose and deer, thereby posing a threat to the maintenance of moose and deer population objectives in the state;

WHEREAS, wolves kill and displace elk, moose and deer, thereby posing a threat to the maintenance of elk, moose and deer population objectives in the state and the habitats of moose and deer and the use of elk feed grounds;

WHEREAS, wolves kill approximately three hundred thirty (330) elk annually in Wyoming, costing the owner of those elk, the state of Wyoming, an estimated one million three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$1,320,000.00);

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WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming does not have jurisdiction to regulate wolves while they remain on the federal list of threatened species.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Members of the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That the Wyoming state legislature recognizes the importance of elk, moose and deer to the people of the state and the use of elk feed grounds and the importance of habitats for moose and deer to maintain elk, moose and deer population objectives at various locations in the state of Wyoming.

Section 2. That the federal authorities responsible for the management of wolves in the state of Wyoming must manage wolves in a manner consistent with maintaining elk, moose and deer population objectives, preserving the habitats of moose and deer and the use of elk feed grounds, as determined by state wildlife officials.

Section 3. That the federal government should annually reimburse the state of Wyoming for the loss to the state caused by the killing of elk, moose and deer by wolves.

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Section 4. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, to the United States Secretary of Interior and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk