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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

State engagement in pipeline and transmission line works.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to authorize the state to engage in works of
3 internal improvement for pipelines, transmission lines and
4 related facilities, including the purchase of pipeline and
5 transmission line capacity, without submitting the question
6 of the state's authority to engage in such works to a vote
7 of the people.

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9 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
10 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
11 *separately, concurring therein:*

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13 **Section 1.** The following proposal to create Wyoming
14 Constitution, Article 16, Section 14 is proposed for
15 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the

1 next general election for approval or rejection to become
2 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
3 majority of the electors at the election:

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5 **Article 16, Section 14. Construction and improvement**
6 **of pipelines, transmission lines and related facilities.**

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8 The provisions of section 6 of article 16 of this
9 constitution prohibiting the state from engaging in any
10 work of internal improvement unless authorized by a two-
11 thirds vote of the people shall not apply to or affect the
12 construction or improvement of pipelines, transmission
13 lines and related facilities including the purchase of
14 capacity in such pipelines, for oil, natural gas, coal,
15 coal by-products or such other minerals and associated
16 natural resources and the purchase of capacity in such
17 transmission lines as may be designated by the Legislature.
18 The Legislature shall have power to provide for the
19 construction and improvement of such pipelines,
20 transmission lines and facilities and to purchase capacity
21 in such pipelines and transmission lines, in whole or in
22 part by the state, either directly or by extending aid to
23 its political subdivisions or to any public corporation
24 legally organized for such purposes.

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2 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
3 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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5 Generally the Wyoming Constitution pursuant to Article 16,
6 Section 6 prohibits the state from engaging in works of
7 internal improvement without submitting the question of
8 engaging in those activities to a vote and those activities
9 being authorized by a 2/3 vote of the people. Pursuant to
10 previous constitutional amendments, the state has been
11 authorized to engage in works of internal improvements for
12 public roads and highways, for conservation and utilization
13 of water and for certain airport improvements, without
14 submitting the issue to a vote. The passage of this
15 amendment will give the legislature of the State of Wyoming
16 the power to engage directly in, or by financing, the
17 construction and improvement of pipelines, transmission
18 lines and related facilities including the purchase of
19 capacity in pipelines and transmission lines without
20 submitting the issue to a vote.

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