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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

State engagement in pipeline 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 and related facilities,
4 including the purchase of pipeline capacity, without
5 submitting the question of the state's authority to engage
6 in such works to a vote of the people.

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

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12 **Section 1.** The following proposal to create Wyoming
13 Constitution, Article 16, Section 14 is proposed for
14 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
15 next general election for approval or rejection to become

1 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
2 majority of the electors at the election:

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4 **Article 16, Section 14. Construction and improvement**
5 **of pipelines and related facilities.**

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7 The provisions of section 6 of article 16 of this
8 constitution prohibiting the state from engaging in any
9 work of internal improvement unless authorized by a two-
10 thirds vote (2/3) of the people shall not apply to or
11 affect, the construction, improvement, facilitation,
12 financing and ownership of pipelines and related facilities
13 that are inside the state of Wyoming and may extend into
14 other states, including the purchase of capacity in such
15 pipelines, for crude oil, natural gas, coal, coal by-
16 products and associated natural resources as may be
17 designated and defined by the Legislature. The Legislature
18 shall have power to provide for the construction and
19 improvement of such pipelines and facilities and to
20 purchase capacity in such pipelines, in whole or in part by
21 the state, either directly or by extending aid to its
22 political subdivisions or to any public corporation legally
23 organized for such purposes.

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

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4 Generally the Wyoming Constitution pursuant to Article 16,
5 Section 6 prohibits the state from engaging in works of
6 internal improvement without submitting the question of
7 engaging in those activities to a vote and those activities
8 being authorized by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the people.

9 Pursuant to previous constitutional amendments, the state
10 has been authorized to engage in works of internal
11 improvements for public roads and highways, for
12 conservation and utilization of water and for certain
13 airport improvements, without submitting the issue to a
14 vote. The passage of this amendment will give the
15 legislature of the State of Wyoming the power to engage
16 directly in, or by financing, the construction,
17 improvement, facilitation and ownership of pipelines and
18 related facilities that are inside the state of Wyoming and
19 may extend into other states, including the purchase of
20 capacity in pipelines without submitting the issue to a
21 vote.

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23 (END)