



1997 SENATE RESOLUTION 3

November 14, 1997 - Introduced by Senator DECKER. Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environmental Resources.

1 **Relating to:** requesting the attorney general to appear for the state as a party in
2 proceedings related to metallic mineral mining.

3 Whereas, the senate recognizes that the people of this state have a strong and
4 legitimate interest in ensuring that metallic mineral mining operations do not
5 damage the natural resources of the state and that the state, under the public trust
6 doctrine, has the obligation to protect the interest of the public in navigable waters;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 **Resolved by the senate, That,** under section 165.25 of the statutes, the
9 attorney general is requested to appear as a party in interest for the state in any
10 administrative or judicial proceedings related to a proposed mine for which a notice
11 of intent has been submitted under section 293.31 (1) of the statutes before this
12 resolution is adopted, including proceedings related to any of the following:

- 13 (1) Review of the environmental impact statement for the proposed mine.
14 (2) The approval or disapproval of a mining permit under section 293.49 of the
15 statutes.

