

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
52nd LEGISLATURE - 1st SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By FRANCIS BARDANOUVE, on January 10, 1992, at
12:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Francis Bardanouve, Chairman (D)
Ray Peck, Vice-Chairman (D)
Dorothy Bradley (D)
John Cobb (R)
Dorothy Cody (D)
Mary Ellen Connelly (D)
Ed Grady (R)
Larry Grinde (R)
John Johnson (D)
Mike Kadas (D)
Berv Kimberley (D)
Wm. "Red" Menahan (D)
Jerry Nisbet (D)
Mary Lou Peterson (R)
Joe Quilici (D)
Chuck Swysgood (R)
Bob Thoft (R)
Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: Vice-Chairman Peck, Reps. Grinde and Kadas

Staff Present: Terry Cohea, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Sylvia Kinsey, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

HEARING ON HB 21

Transfer crime victims' funds

REP. THOFT CHAIRED THE MEETING AT THIS TIME.

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BARDANOUVE
said this is a Bill to transfer \$250,000 to the General Fund. He
has talked to REP. QUILICI and he feels it can be done without
jeopardizing the program.

Proponents' Testimony: Ed Hall, Administrator, Board of Crime
Control which administers the crime victims assistance account

said \$250,000 is about the most that can be taken out of the fund without jeopardizing the cash flow or balance.

REP. QUILICI said he reluctantly will be a proponent at this time because with the shortfall in the revenue the \$250,000 in the fund might help.

Questions From Committee Members: REP. THOFT asked if they had transferred some money out of this account. REP. QUILICI said they had in previous sessions but not in this session. REP. THOFT asked if there is a continuous flow of revenue? Mr. Hall said yes there is. It comes from Justice of the Peace fines and they get distributions every month. The closing fund balance FY 1991 was over \$700,000.

REP. CODY asked Mr. Hall if he matches to get federal funds, which does not in any way affect this, but to what extent have they hurt themselves as far as that match is concerned? Mr. Hall said they are okay for matching purposes in terms of their General Fund appropriation. These funds do not have to be matched.

Motion/Vote: REP. KIMBERLEY MOVED HB 21 DO PASS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

HEARING ON HB 20

Transfer junk vehicle funds

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BARDANOUVE said this Bill transfers \$200,000 from the junk vehicle disposal account to the General Fund.

Opponents' Testimony: Ray Hoffman, Department of Health and Environmental Sciences said the point is not the merits or non-merits of the program but how much sooner will the legislature have to increase the junk vehicle fees that everyone pays when they register a car. He passed out a sheet, Projections Using Current Fees (\$.50 Registration) EXHIBIT 1. The \$200,000 proposed to be taken off the junk vehicle account now will just take the ending fund balance to 0 in 1995. In 1987 REP. MARKS took \$500,000 out of the junk vehicle program. If the program is to maintain itself at current level, or even reduced level, the fee should be increased. Currently the program is generating approximately \$90,000 per year. The program expenses are approximately \$1.1 million a year. Over 80% of those expenses are within your counties to get the junk vehicle cars disposed of. The remaining dollars are within the Department of Health for administration and also for lending out crushing contracts.

REPS. CODY AND GRADY asked to be recorded as Opponents.

Questions From Committee Members: REP. GRADY said he could remember that REP. DARKO went after an increase in the junk

vehicle fee a session or two ago. That was after REP. MARKS had taken the money so within a short time they were back for an increase. Mr. Hoffman said the volatile market can drive this account down even further necessitating some type of loan. The price of metal is unpredictable. Their projections are based on revenue received in 1991.

REP. BARDANOUE asked if he could have \$50,000? Mr. Hoffman said the Department of Health has over 40 earmarked revenue accounts that each member of this committee has at one time or another been exposed to and over this period of time he has managed those in such a manner that he does not have to come to the committee to get General Fund to support state programs. He has managed the accounts in a prudent manner to try to take into account what was going to happen.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARDANOUE MOVED HB 20 TABLED. MOTION PASSED WITH REPS. BARDANOUE AND COBB VOTING NO.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 1:00 P.M.


FRANCIS BARDANOUE, Chair


SILVIA KINSEY, Secretary

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE

1-10-PM

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. FRANCIS BARDANOUVE, CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. RAY PECK, VICE-CHAIRMAN			
REP. DOROTHY BRADLEY	✓		
REP. JOHN COBB	✓		
REP. DOROTHY CODY	✓		
REP. MARY ELLEN CONNELLY	✓		
REP. ED GRADY	✓		
REP. LARRY GRINDE			
REP. JOHN JOHNSON	✓		
REP. MIKE KADAS			
REP. BERV KIMBERLEY	✓		
REP. WM. "RED" MENAHAN	✓		
REP. JERRY NISBET	✓		
REP. MARY LOU PETERSON	✓		
REP. JOE QUILICI	✓		
REP. CHUCK SWYSGOOD	✓		
REP. BOB THOFT	✓		
REP. TOM ZOOK	✓		

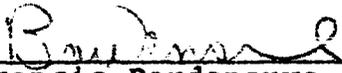
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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Appropriations report that HB 21 (first reading copy -- white) do pass .

Signed: 
Francis Bardanouve, Chairman

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JUNK VEHICLE FUND

	FY 1988	FY 1989	FY 1990	FY 1991
EXPENDITURES				
ENV DIV ADMIN	60,466	60,631	0	0
JUNK VEHICLE PGM	892,050	821,453	913,434	846,056
TOTAL	892,516	882,084	913,434	846,056

REVENUE				
ANTICIPATED FY BALANCE	853,339	702,728	735,135	706,509
ANTICIPATED REVENUE FY	741,905	914,491	884,808	896,508

TOTAL 1,595,244 1,617,219 1,619,943 1,603,017

ANTICIPATED FUND BALANCE
JULY 1,

702,728 735,135 706,509 756,961

PROJECTED REVENUE

REGISTRATION FEE @ \$.50	367,763	362,490	371,532	378,475
TITLE TRANSFER @ \$1.50	264,652	268,352	289,073	287,396
MR. YARD LICENSES	11,050	10,900	10,563	10,163
CRUSHING REVENUE	98,440	272,749	213,640	220,474

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EXHIBIT 1
 DATE BUDGETED 1-10-92 PM
 FY 1995 20

JUNK VEHICLE FUND

EXPENDITURES	FY 1988	FY 1989	FY 1990	FY 1991	FY 1992	FY 1993	FY 1994
ENV DIV ADMIN	60,466	60,631	0	0	0	0	0
JUNK VEHICLE PGM	832,050	821,453	913,434	846,056	1,028,835	1,031,842	1,031,842
TOTAL	892,516	882,084	913,434	846,056	1,028,835	1,031,842	1,031,842

REVENUE

ANTICIPATED FY BALANCE	853,339	702,728	735,135	706,509	756,961	624,634	489,300	353,966
ANTICIPATED REVENUE FY	741,505	514,491	864,808	896,508	896,508	896,508	896,508	896,508
TOTAL	1,595,244	1,617,219	1,619,943	1,603,017	1,653,469	1,521,142	1,385,808	1,250,474

ANTICIPATED FUND BALANCE

JULY 1,	702,728	735,135	706,509	756,961	624,634	489,300	353,966	218,632
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TOTAL	741,905	914,491	884,808	896,508	896,508	896,508	896,508	896,508

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 PRICE OF STEEL