

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 2

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN CHUCK SWYSGOOD, on April 18, 1997, at 5:33 p.m., in Room 312-2.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood (R)
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl (R)
Sen. Linda J. Nelson (D)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Division
Sharon Cummings, Committee Secretary

Motion/Vote: REP. TOM ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT #HB0002A6.A19. (EXHIBIT #1) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT #HB0002A6.A09. (EXHIBIT #2) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion: REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT #HB000255.A05. (EXHIBIT #3)

Discussion: Mark Simonich, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) I urge the committee not to adopt this amendment. Moving this program to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is contrary to what we attempted to do with reorganization 2 years ago.

Randy Mosley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) This transfer was not sponsored by the agency and has not been an issue with the department. We are content with the present location of this program.

Mike Volesky, Montana Association of Conservation Districts This amendment leaves all the regulatory functions in DEQ and moves the management type functions in DNRC.

Vote: THE MOTION TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT #HB000255.A05
CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ARNIE MOHL MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000287.A31, CHANGING THE AMENDMENT TO READ 4 FTE'S IN FY98,
\$77,564 TO \$103,000 AND \$28,688 TO \$38,251. (EXHIBIT #4) THE
MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB0002A2.A19, STRIKING ITEMS #12 & 13 AND \$181,000 FROM GENERAL
FUND. (EXHIBIT #5) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. BEVERLY BARNHART MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR
ACTION ON AMENDMENT #HB239#3.WPD. (EXHIBIT #6) THE MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARNHART MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB239#3.WPD. THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000256.A05. (EXHIBIT #7) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000272.A15. (EXHIBIT #8) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

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Motion: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000225.A16. (EXHIBIT #9)

Discussion: Mary Bryson, Department of Revenue Testimony handed
in. (EXHIBIT #9A)

REP. ZOOK I believe we heard in long range planning that 67
FTE's would not be needed in this department as a result of HB
188. Ms. Bryson That 68 FTE is for the MT PRRIME project across
all state agencies. We expect to realize a savings as a result
of this but not in our property assessment division.

SEN. LINDA NELSON Do you have any idea how many county offices
will be closed? Ms. Bryson We have approximately 11 county
offices with 2 or fewer FTE, we will likely direct this to those
offices.

SEN. NELSON Do you foresee that all of the FTE reductions will
be in the counties and not in Helena? Ms. Bryson Our Helena
reappraisal staff consists of 1 FTE. All of the reductions will
occur at the county level.

Vote: THE MOTION TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT #HB000225.A16
CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000228.A16. (EXHIBIT #10) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000227.A16. (EXHIBIT #11) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

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Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH (EXHIBIT #12).
THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000254.A05. (EXHIBIT #13) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000231.A08. (EXHIBIT #14) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000275.A15. (EXHIBIT #15) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000257.A05. (EXHIBIT #16) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000281.A07. (EXHIBIT #17) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000258.A05. (EXHIBIT #18) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000282.A07. (EXHIBIT #19) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

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Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000251.A35. (EXHIBIT #20) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000299.A07. (EXHIBIT #21) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARNHART MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR ACTION ON
AMENDMENT #HB000288.A09. (EXHIBIT #22) THE MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARNHART MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000288.A09. THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. MOHL MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR ACTION ON
AMENDMENT #HB000232.A94. (EXHIBIT #23) THE MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: SEN. MOHL MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000232.A94. THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

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SECTION E

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO OPEN SECTION E. THE MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000230.A08. (EXHIBIT #24) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000235.A06. (EXHIBIT #25) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR ACTION ON
AMENDMENT #HB000253.A19. (EXHIBIT #26) THE MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000253.A19. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000234.A08. (EXHIBIT #27) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000229.A08. (EXHIBIT #28) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. BERGSAGEL MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR ACTION ON
AMENDMENT #HB000211.A08 AND #HB000297.A09. THE MOTION CARRIED
WITH REP. BARNHART VOTING NO.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO STRIKE AMENDMENTS #HB000211.A08
& #HB000297.A09. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH REP. BARNHART VOTING
NO.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000211.A08. (EXHIBIT #29) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. MOHL MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000226.A08. (EXHIBIT #30) THE MOTION FAILED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000228.A08. (EXHIBIT #31) THE MOTION FAILED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. BARNHART MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000227.A08. (EXHIBIT #32) THE MOTION FAILED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000225.A08. (EXHIBIT #33) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000240.A06. (EXHIBIT #34) THE MOTION FAILED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000234.A06. (EXHIBIT #35) THE MOTION FAILED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. MOHL MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000239.A06. (EXHIBIT #36) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000252.A35. (EXHIBIT #37) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000237.A06. (EXHIBIT #38) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL
VOTE.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. MOHL MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR ACTION ON
AMENDMENT #HB000236.A06. (EXHIBIT #39) THE MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: SEN. MOHL MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 BY REVERSING OUR
ACTION ON AMENDMENT #HB000236.A06. THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL
CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR ACTION ON
AMENDMENT #HB000275.A31. (EXHIBIT #40) THE MOTION CARRIED WITH
REP. BERGSAGEL VOTING NO.

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT
#HB000275.A31. THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR ACTION ON AMENDMENT #HB000239.A94. THE MOTION FAILED.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT #HB000270.A15. (EXHIBIT #41) THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT #HB0002A7.A09. (EXHIBIT #42) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO RECONSIDER OUR ACTION ON AMENDMENT #HB000227.A16. (EXHIBIT #11) THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 BY REVERSING OUR ACTION ON AMENDMENT #HB000227.A16. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Discussion: CHAIRMAN SWYSGOOD It gave us no pleasure to sit here tonight and do what we had to do. We did the best we could with the revenues in HJR 2. Our charge, as a legislature, is to have a balanced budget with a sufficient ending fund balance to provide for the necessities and start next session. This ending fund balance currently includes \$22 million in one time money. If nothing changes we will begin the next session with a \$3 million beginning fund balance. That doesn't make many of us very comfortable. I know many of you have more needs than we could fund. I'd like to thank this committee for doing what they had to do, it has not been easy on any of us. I'd like to thank the audience for their patience.

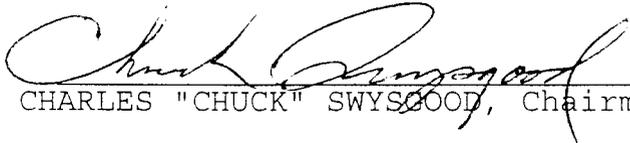
Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO AMEND HB 2 WITH AMENDMENT #HB000238.A06. (EXHIBIT #43) THE MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES TO CLOSE ALL SECTIONS OF HB 2. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion/Vote: REP. ZOOK MOVES THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 2. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:42 p.m.


SEN. CHARLES "CHUCK" SWYSCOOD, Chairman


SHARON CUMMINGS, Secretary

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