

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 014

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN TOM BECK, on April 18, 1997, at 9:00
A.M., in ROOM 108.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Sen. Thomas A. "Tom" Beck (R)
Sen. Loren Jenkins (R)
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nan LeFebvre, Fiscal Analyst
Jaelene Racicot, Secretary

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 14

SEN. BECK called the meeting to order. {Tape: 1; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 0.}

REP. R. JOHNSON explained why the House rejected the Senate
amendments. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.1.}

SEN. BECK explained why the Senate wanted to fund HB 14 with
bonds. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.9.}

REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.5.}

SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}

REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.4.}

REP. KEENAN handed the committee EXHIBIT 1 for their
consideration. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.4.}

REP. MCCANN didn't feel it was the role of government to purchase
Virginia City and Nevada City. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time
Count: 11.7.}

SEN. JENKINS referred to EXHIBIT 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.4.}

Ms. Lefebvre stated EXHIBIT 1 was correct and then explained it in further detailed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.3.}

SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.0.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.4.}

REP. R. JOHNSON felt it was not logical to bond. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.3.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.2.}

SEN. BECK asked REP. R. JOHNSON about the Today and Tomorrow bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.1.}

SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.9.}

REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.6.}

SEN. JENKINS. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.9.}

SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.7.}

SEN JENKINS asked SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.1.}

REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.8.}

SEN. BECK asked SEN. JENKINS. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.1.}

SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.5.}

REP. KEENAN. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.0.}

SEN. BECK asked REP. KEENAN. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.1.}

Ms. LeFebvre explained the Keenan Amendment. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.5.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS commented on the amendment. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.6.}

SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.9.}

REP. MCCANN not in favor of the amendment. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.9.}

SEN. JENKINS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.}

REP. MCCANN asked SEN. JENKINS where the grants came from.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .7.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.0.}

REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.4.}

SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.3.}

REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.6.}

SEN. BECK asked REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time
Count: 2.7.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.0.}

SEN. BECK asked REP. R. JOHNSON. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time
Count: 3.2.}

SEN. BECK asked members from the audience to comment on the bill.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.1.}

Arlynn Fishbaugh, Montana Arts Council. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 5.0.}

Keith Colbo, Montana Cultural Advocacy. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 7.2.}

Mona Jamison, Save Virginia City. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx.
Time Count: 8.4.}

REP. R. JOHNSON asked Mona Jamison. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx.
Time Count: 13.3.}

REP. R. JOHNSON asked Mr. Lefebvre to comment. {Tape: 1; Side:
B; Approx. Time Count: 14.4.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx.
Time Count: 15.1.}

SEN. BECK asked what was the status on HB 9. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 15.7.}

SEN. JENKINS asked REP. MCCANN if there was alternative funding.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.0.}

SEN. BECK. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.5.}

REP. MCCANN stated he would look at alternative other than taking
money from the general fund. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time
Count: 18.9.}

SEN. BECK told the committee they would recess and meet back in the same room later in the afternoon. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.6.}

Recess At: 9:55 a.m.

SEN. BECK started the hearing at 5:31 p.m. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.1.}

REP. KEENAN explained the amendment. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.9.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS said they wouldn't vote for the amendment. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.5.}

Motion: REP. KEENAN MOVED THE AMENDMENT. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.9.}

REP. KEENAN explained EXHIBIT 2. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.3.}

Ms. Lefebvre explained EXHIBIT 2. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.5.}

SEN. JENKINS asked Ms. Lefebvre to comment. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.4.}

SEN. BECK explained the bonding verses stealing the Arts Program. He said if they would bond they would have Virginia City and Nevada City as well as the Arts Program. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.8.}

REP. KEENAN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}

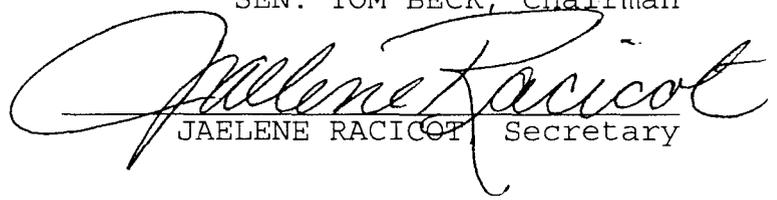
Vote: A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION FAILED 3 TO 3. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.6.}

SEN. BECK adjourned the meeting. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:39 p.m.


SEN. TOM BECK, Chairman


JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

TB/JR