

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Dick Knox, on January 8, 1997, at
3:00 p.m., in Capital Building Room 437

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dick Knox, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Tash, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Hal Harper, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)
Rep. Doug Mood (R)
Rep. Karl Ohs (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr. (R)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)
Rep. Douglas T. Wagner (R)

Members Excused: none

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Kathleen Williams, Legislative Services
Stephanie Braun, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 31 (12/30/96)
Executive Action: none

HEARING ON HB 31

Sponsor: Rep. George Heavy Runner, H.D. #85

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 11-13 minutes; Comments: sponsor George Heavy Runner explains reason for bill.}

Proponents: Bud Clinch; Director of Natural Resources and Conservation

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 13 minutes - 25 minutes; Comments: Bud Clinch, Director of Natural Resources and Conservation. How funding for grant proposals would work. Comment on funding sources, approximately 2 possibly 3 million available for grants.}

Opponents: Brenda Rummel, Homemaker & wife, supplied Exhibit #1

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 25-30 minutes; Comments: Brenda Rummel spoke on behalf of herself, submitted a letter of opposition to the bill, marked the letter as HB exhibit #1 dated 1/8/97.}

Questions/Discussion:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 30 minutes; Comments: none.}

Rep. Knox asked for further documentation from Bud Clinch:

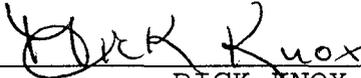
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 61; Comments: Rep. Dick Knox, jurisdiction question, asked if Proponent Bud Clinch (HB #31) would bring back an outline in layman's terms for Grants proposed that would be affected by this Bill to next meeting.}

Closing: Rep. Heavy Runner

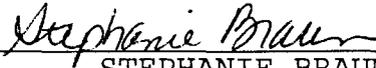
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:02 p.m.



DICK KNOX, Chairman



STEPHANIE BRAUN, Secretary

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