

MINUTES

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL, on January 10, 1997, at
3:00 P.M., in Room 325

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gary Feland (R)
Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)
Rep. Diana E. Wyatt (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division
Mike Wingard, Legislative Audit Division
Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Meg Angell, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: No bills were heard.
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON PRIVATE PRISON PROPOSAL
PAT GOODOVER

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: Opening
remarks.}

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EXHIBIT 1

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: CCA
Proposal.}

QUESTIONS:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.8; Comments: Committee
members' questions.}

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.9; Comments: Rep. R. Johnson questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. MATT MCCANN

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.1; Comments: Rep. McCann questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. FELAND

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: Rep. Feland questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.1; Comments: Rep. Kasten questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. DAN MCGEE

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .6; Comments: Rep. McGee questioned Mr. Goodover.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. DAN MCGEE

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.0; Comments: Rep. Dan McGee questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.6; Comments: Rep. R. Johnson questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. DAN MCGEE

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.0; Comments: Rep. McGee made a statement regarding the Sentencing Commission Survey and Report.}

REP. DIANA WYATT

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.9; Comments: Rep. Wyatt questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. "RED" MENAHAN

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.4; Comments: Rep. Menahan questioned Mr. Goodover.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.2; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel questioned Mr. Goodover.}

REP. MATT MCCANN

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.8; Comments: Rep. McCann questioned Mr. Goodover.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.2; Comments: Conclusion of this presentation.}

BREAK

HEARING ON REGIONAL JAILS

CASCADE COUNTY, DAWSON COUNTY, MISSOULA COUNTY

Informational Testimony:

RICK DAY, Director, Department of Corrections (DOC) EXHIBIT 2

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: Overview.

NOTE: Microphone problems 13.5 - 17.0, weak or dead battery - Mr. Day indicated there are 3 significant features that should be considered regarding Regional Jails: 1) Public Safety; 2) Cost effectiveness; 3) Ability to bring correctional services to local communities, providing for public (local) input. Mr. Day also indicated there has been strong local support expressed in Glendive, Missoula and Great Falls.}

BOB ANDERSON, Long Range Building Manager, DOC EXHIBIT 3

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.7; Comments: Mr. Anderson explained various sections of his handout, particularly referencing the final page which gives a comparison of the Cascade, Dawson and Missoula County regional jails projects.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.8; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel commented re: the DOC Regional Jails Committee.}

CASCADE COUNTY PRESENTATION

JOHN STRANDELL, Cascade County

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.1; Comments: Overview of Cascade County project.}

QUESTIONS:

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.6; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel questioned Mr. Strandell.}

DAWSON COUNTY PRESENTATION

JOHN KAHL, Dawson County

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: Overview of Dawson County project.}

QUESTIONS: None

MISSOULA COUNTY PRESENTATION

CAPTAIN MIKE O'HARA

EXHIBIT 4

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: Overview of Missoula County project.}

QUESTIONS:

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.3; Comments: Rep. R. Johnson questioned Capt. O'Hara.}

REP. GARY FELAND

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.8; Comments: Rep. Feland questioned Capt. O'Hara.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.0; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel questioned Capt. O'Hara.}

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.2; Comments: Rep. R. Johnson questioned Capt. O'Hara.}

REP. "RED" MENAHAN

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.5; Comments: rep. Menahan questioned Capt. O'Hara.}

MYRON BEESON, Deputy Warden, Montana State Prison

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: Mr. Beeson responded to Rep. Menahan's question above and indicated support for the regional jails concept.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel expressed concerns re: regional jails concept.}

CAPTAIN MIKE O'HARA

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.4; Comments: Capt. O'Hara responded to some of Chairman Bergsagel's concerns.}

BOB ANDERSON

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: Bob Anderson responded to some of Chairman Bergsagel's concerns.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel - comment.}

QUESTIONS:

REP. "RED" MENAHAN

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.1; Comments: Rep. Menahan questioned Mr. Anderson.}

PROPONENT/OPPONENT TESTIMONY:

SCOTT CRICHTON, Executive Director, ACLU

EXHIBIT 5

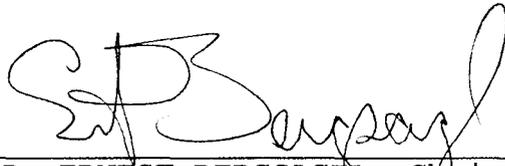
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CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: Closing remarks.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 p.m.



REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



MEG ANGELL, Secretary

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