

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Dick Knox, on January 10, 1997, at
3:10 p.m., in 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: Karl Ohs, Cliff Trexler

Members Absent: none

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 81 (1/7/97), HB 118
(1/7/97), HB 153 (1/7/97),
HB 156 (1/7/97)

Executive Action: none

HEARING ON HB 81

Sponsor: Rep. Charles Devaney, H.D. #97

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Devaney introduced bill and
provided **EXHIBIT #1**

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.4; Comments: Charles Devaney; Exhibit #1 statement of why bill exists, slight hum (intermittent) in opening few sentences.}

Proponents:

Bud Clinch, Director of Department of Natural Resources and Conservation provided EXHIBIT #2

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 6.8-8.7; Comments: Bud Clinch, trust land management function; Exhibit #2, Department of Natural Resource & Conservation Annual report.}

Gail Abercrombie, Executive Director of the Montana Petroleum Association

{Tape:1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.8; Comments: in support of the bill.}

Larry Brown, Northern Montana Oil & Gas Association

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.9; Comments: intermittent hum here, only lasts a few seconds .}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: Questions from Committee, Discussion with Proponents.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Charles Devaney closes

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.5; Comments: would appreciate a do pass recommendation.}

HEARING ON HB 118

Sponsor: Rep. Ed Grady, House District # 55 introduced the bill

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ed Grady

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.9; Comments: opening remarks. Act providing certain procurement statuses regarding state building and construction do not apply to environmental remediation and abandoned mine reclamation projects in the affected sections.}

Proponents:

Denise Mills, Administrator of Remediation Division of the Dept. of Environmental Equality provide Exhibit # 3

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 23.7; Comments: provided written testimony of the Department of Environmental Equality, marked exhibit #3.}

John Blacker, Montana Dept. of Transportation

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 29.0; Comments: .}

Opponents: none

Informational Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 0.7; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ed Grady closes

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 7.5; Comments: would like a do pass decision.}

HEARING ON HB 153

Sponsor: Rep. Ed Grady, H.D. #55

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jan Sensibaugh, Permitting & Compliance Division of the Department of Environmental Equality supplied Exhibit #4

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 9.0; Comments: Exhibit #4, written testimony submitted.}

Ted Lange, Northern Pains Resource Council

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 13.0; Comments: none.}

Jim Jensen, Executive Director of the Montana Environmental Informational Center

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 14.0; Comments: none.}

Debbie Smith, Montana Chapter Sierra Club

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 15.3; Comments: none.}

Opponents: none

Informational Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ed Grady

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 28.0; Comments: .}

HEARING ON HB 156

Sponsor: Rep. Ed Grady, H.D. #55 introduced bill

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 29.5; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bud Clinch, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation introduced Exhibit #5

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .2; Comments: Exhibit #5, entitled "Constitutionality of Utilizing Trust Revenues to Fund Trust Administration.}

Opponents: none

Informational Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.0; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.0; Comments: there would be an \$81,000 impact (Committee did not have a copy of the fiscal notice, prior to the meeting the Bills Distribution Department did not have a copy of the Fiscal Impact for HB 156).}

Executive Action will be heard on Monday 1/13/97 in Room 437 (following the regularly scheduled hearing) on HB 81 & HB 118

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 1.2; Comments: HB 81, HB 118.}

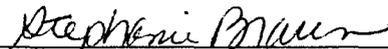
Additional Notes: Bud Clinch, DNRC gave documents Exhibit #6 and #7 to Committee as requested for HB #31

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:52 p.m.



DICK KNOX, Chairman



STEPHANIE BRAUN, Secretary

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