

MINUTES

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL, on January 13, 1997, at 3:10 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. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)
Rep. Diana E. Wyatt (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)

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 Heard
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OVERVIEW

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .2; Comments: Call to Order; Chairman Bergsagel also indicated that Rep. Dan McGee and Rep. Diana Wyatt will be going to Spur, TX to view the private correctional facility there and will subsequently report their findings to the Committee.}

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OVERVIEW

RICK DAY, Director, Department of Corrections

EXHIBITS 1 & 2

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: Statistics; History; Sentencing Commission Report; DOC Advisory Council Planning and Projections Final Report.}

SLIDE PRESENTATION

RICK DAY, continued.

EXHIBIT 3

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.6; Comments: Mission; Organization; Public Safety; General Fund Expenditures.}

EXHIBITS 4-8

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Achievements of DOC; Cost per day, various programs; Budget Comparison percentages; Population Report; Admissions and Releases; Type of Crime; Expenditures.}

MARY CRAIGLE, DOC RESEARCH UNIT MANAGER

EXHIBITS 9-11

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.1; Comments: Population projections methodology and validation.}

BREAK

RICK DAY

EXHIBITS 12 & 13

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .2; Comments: Population Management Plan; Long Range Building; Legislative Update; Initiatives.}

QUESTIONS:

REP. DIANA WYATT

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.9; Comments: Rep. Wyatt questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. DAN MCGEE

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.6; Comments: Rep. McGee questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: Rep. Kasten questioned Mr. Day.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.4; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel responded to Rep. Kasten's question.}

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .5; Comments: Rep. Kasten questioned Mary Craigle.}

REP. MATT MCCANN

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: Rep. McCann questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. STEVE VICK

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.3; Comments: Rep. Vick questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: Rep. Kasten questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. STEVE VICK

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: Rep. Vick questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. MATT MCCANN

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.6; Comments: Rep. McCann requested Mr. Day prepare information for the Committee re: Number of "dangerous" inmates relative to bedspace issues.}

REP. "RED" MENAHAN

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.1; Comments: Rep. Menahan questioned Mr. Day.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. "RED" MENAHAN

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: Rep. Menahan questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. STEVE VICK

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.6; Comments: Rep. Vick questioned Mr. Day, response continued on tape 3, Side A.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel questioned Mr. Day.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.5; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel's comments re: Conflict between Justice System and DOC and his plan to get members of the two entities together to try to resolve the issues.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: Chairman Bergsagel requested Mr. Day prepare a specific flow chart for the Committee; what happens following sentencing; what are alternatives; parole eligibility issues; budget issues.}

SENATOR B.F. "CHRIS" CHRISTIAENS, Sentencing Commission

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.3; Comments: Sen. Christiaens questioned Mr. Day.}

REP. DAN MCGEE

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.3; Comments: Rep. McGee referenced the Sentencing Commission report which will be given to legislators 1/14/97.}

REP. "RED" MENAHAN

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.8; Comments: Rep.
Menahan questioned Mr. Day.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.8.}

RICK DAY

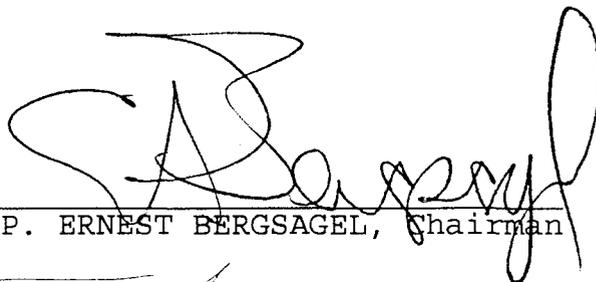
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: Mr. Day
requested clarification regarding the two requests for
information from the Committee.}

PROPONENT AND OPPONENT TESTIMONY

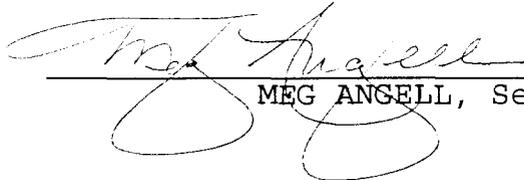
NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:32 p.m.



REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



MEG ANGELL, Secretary

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