

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BOB CLARK, on January 13, 1997, at
8:10 AM, in Room 312-1

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Robert C. Clark, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Diana E. Wyatt, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Shiell W. Anderson (R)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. William E. Boharski (R)
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)
Rep. Duane Grimes (R)
Rep. H.S. "Sonny" Hanson (R)
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft (R)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)

Staff Present: John MacMaster, Legislative Services Division
Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 141, HB 135, HB 137, POSTED
1/8/97

HEARING ON HB 141

Sponsor: REP. BOB KEENAN

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.5 - 5.1; Comments:
Sponsor opened the hearing on HB 141.}*

Proponents:

PAT CHENOVICK, SUPREME COURT

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.2 - 6.1}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.6 - 9.0; Comments: Members of the committee asked questions of the witnesses.}

Closing by Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE KEENAN

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: Sponsor closed.}

HEARING ON HB 135

Sponsor: REP. LIZ SMITH

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.9 - 11.5; Comments: The sponsor made opening remarks.}

Proponents:

MARY FAY, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.6 - 13.6}

NORMA JEAN BOLES, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - EXHIBIT 1

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.8 - 15.9}

CRAIG THOMAS, BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.0 - 21.6}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.1 - Side B; 18.0; Comments: Committee members questioned witnesses.}

Closing by Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.2 - 22.0; Comments: Sponsor closed.}

HEARING ON HB 137

Sponsor: REP. LIZ SMITH

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.2 - 23.6; Comments: Sponsor opened the hearing on HB 137.}

Proponents:

JOHN POHLE, POWELL COUNTY CORONER - EXHIBIT 2

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.7 - 28.3}

THOMAS BLAZ, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.2 - 28.3}

Opponents:

RUSSELL HILL, MONTANA TRIAL LAWYERS

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1 - 7.5}

SCOTT CRICHTON, ACLU OF MONTANA - EXHIBIT 3

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.7 - 11.5}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.8 - 26.6}

Closing by Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

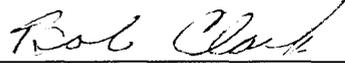
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Sponsor closed.}

Motion/Vote:

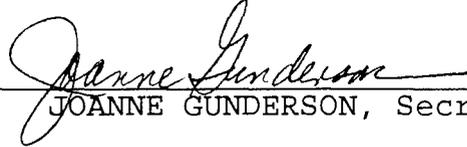
REP. LOREN SOFT MOVED TO ADJOURN, REP. WYATT SECONDED. MOTION
CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.



REP. ROBERT C. CLARK, Chairman



JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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