

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairman Norm Mills, on January 14, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., in Room 104.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Norm Mills, Chairman (R)
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)
Rep. Bill Carey (D)
Rep. Matt Denny (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Chris Ahner, Rep. Sam Kitzenberg

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Services Division
Debbie Thompson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 130, HB 22, 1/8/97
Executive Action: HB 22 - DO PASS, 19-0

HEARING ON HB 130

Sponsor: Rep. Marian Hanson

Proponents:

Gordon Morris, Association of Counties.

Mary Phippin, Clerk of District Court, Powder River County, retired.

Opponents: None

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Hanson introduced the bill.

Proponents' Testimony: Gordon Morris discussed the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side A; Approx. Time Count 1.4-8.5.}

Mary Phippin expressed her support, see testimony Exhibit 1, 1a.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side A; Approximate tape counter 13.0-25.0.}

Rep. Bergman questioned Gordon Morris. Rep. Prouse (15.9), Rep. McGee (20.5), Rep. Brainard (22.0), Rep. Denny (25.0) questioned Mr. Morris.

{Tape: 1; Side B.}

Questions from the committee continued. Chairman Mills asked Mrs. Phippin for clarification (3.0). Mrs. Phippin responded. She also made a clarification about the local options tax (6.8-8.9)

Rep. Bergman questioned Gordon Morris.

{Tape: 1; Side B; Approx. Time Count: 12.4}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hanson closed on the bill.

{Tape: 1, Side B; Approx. Time Count 15.1}

HEARING ON HB 22

Sponsor: Rep. Deb Kottel introduced HB 22.

{Tape: 1; Side B; Approx. Time Count 17.3}

Proponents:

Tony Herbert, ISD. Exhibit 2.

{Tape: 1; Side B; Approx. Time Count 22.2}

Tim Burton, Chief Administrator of Lewis and Clark County.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.0}

Jim Campbell, City of Billings.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.9}

Gordon Morris, Association of Counties.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.4.}

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Bookout asked for clarification.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Comments: Tony Herbert replied to Rep. Bookout with clarification.}

Rep. Liz Smith.

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Kottel closed on HB 22.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.8; Comments: Rep. Kottel noted that the bill reduced duplication by government entities.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 22

Amendments: None

Motion: Rep. Soft moved DO PASS on HB 22.

Discussion: None

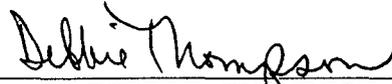
Vote: Roll Call Vote, 19-0 - DO PASS.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.



REP. NORM MILLS, Chairman



DEBBIE THOMPSON, Secretary

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