

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Dick Knox, on January 15, 1997, at
3:00 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: none

Members Absent: none

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 152 (1/9/97)
Executive Action: HB 156 DO PASS AS AMENDED

Before listening to HB 152, presentation about the **Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) restructuring**, presentation by Bud Clinch and Mark Simonich, **Exhibit #3**

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: presentation both sides a & b and first part of tape #2 side "a".}

Questions/Discussion

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: none.}

HEARING ON HB 152

Sponsor: Rep. Ed Grady, H.D. #55 introduced HB 152
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 12.4; Comments: Bill would separate hazardous waste and regulated substances.}

Proponents:

Denise Mills, Remediation Division Administrator with the Department of Environmental Quality, Exhibit #1
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.6; Comments: recodify the law, makes the laws easier to understand and to facilitate the administration of the laws.}

Don Vidrine, Chair of the Air and Waste Management Bureau of the Department of Environmental Quality
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 18.0; Comments: noted error in date on the House Bill will give corrections to Staffer Kathleen Williams.}

Roxanne Kohl, MT Audubon
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 19.8; Comments: none.}

Leo Barry, Attorney in a Law Office, representing himself
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.1; Comments: none.}

Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.3; Comments: none.}

Opponents: none

Informational Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.9; Comments: none.}

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: still questions from the Committee.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Grady, H.D. #55 closed
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 7.4; Comments: none.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156

Motion: By Rep. Trexler, DO PASS
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 9.2; Comments: none.}

Discussion: Rep. Harper, opened the discussion

*{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 9.5 ; Comments:discussion
Rep. Harper, Rep. Story, Kathleen Williams, Rep. Wagner, Rep.
Swanson.}*

Amendment: Rep. Raney, introduced an amendment, marked as Exhibit #2 file designation of hb015601.akw

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 18.1; Comments: none.}

Discussion about the introduced amendment, which would "sunset" this in 2 years, proposed because Rep. Raney thinks that there are a number of issues that are taking money from Funds to run general government, fears that we are expanding government.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 20.9; Comments: none.}

Rep. Story, reminds Committee that there is an amendment before the Committee that they need to vote on

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 25.2; Comments: none.}

Vote: Vote on amendment; passes 10-8

*{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 26.2; Comments:Motion on
amendment carries 10-8.}*

*{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 26.8; Comments: further
discussion regarding the Bill and its attached fiscal note.}*

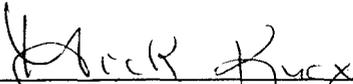
Rep. Knox, asks for vote on the Bill as amended

*{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 29.7; Comments: show of
hands for those that voted no; Bill passes as amended 14-4.}*

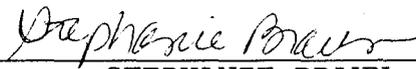
Vote: Bill passes as amended 14-4

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:59 p.m.



REP. DICK KNOX, Chairman



STEPHANIE BRAUN, Secretary

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