

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Dick Knox, on January 17, 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 132; HB 120; HB 73
Executive Action: HB 153 (tabled), HB 132 (18-0)
HB 73 (18-0)

HEARING ON HB 132

Sponsor: Rep. Dick Knox, H.D. #93

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Knox, H.D. 93 opened

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.2; Comments: while Rep. Knox presented HB 132; Rep. Tash assumed the Chair.}

Exhibit #1, HJR 10 Compliance and Enforcement Study Final Report
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.1; Comments: Exhibit #1.}

Proponents:

Exhibit #2, people who were unable to attend signed as proponents for HB 132

Rep. Vicki Cocchiarella, H.D. #64

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: Bill will provide means for clear and concise reporting.}

Don Allen,

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.9; Comments: none.}

John Arrigo, Department of Environmental Quality

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.7; Comments: none.}

Opponents: none

Informational Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 23.8; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Knox closing comments on HB 132

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 26.0; Comments: none.}

HEARING ON HB 120

Sponsor: Rep. "Sam" Rose, H.D. 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Rose opened for HB 120

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 29.0; Comments: none.}

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 30.5; Comments: turned over tape to Side b.}

Proponents:

Dan Andrews, citizen of Power, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: would like to use water from Muddy Creek during peak flows/elevations, the proposed sprinkler system would require approximately 12 sec. ft. of water. Thinks that this will help the silt problem as well as erosion.}

Alan Rowal, Coordinator for Muddy Creek Project

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 7.0; Comments: none.}

Mike Murphy, MT Water Resources Association

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 8.2; Comments: none.}

Opponents: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 10.4; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Rose

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 26.4; Comments: none.}

Rep. Knox to Rep. Rose, if there are other "Muddy Creeks", please provide our Staffer, Ms. Kathleen Williams with this information so she can prepare an amendment to ensure the bill applies only to the Muddy Creek that is a tributary to the Sun River.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: none.}

HEARING ON HB 73

Sponsor: Rep. Doug Mood, H.D. 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Mood opened on HB 73

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 26.0; Comments: none.}

Proponents:

Bud Clinch, Director of Department of Natural Resources and Conservation submitted Exhibit #3

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: none.}

Cary Hegreberg, Wood Products Association

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 2.4; Comments: none.}

Opponents: none

Informational Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.1; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Mood closing comment

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 7.4; Comments: none.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 153

Motion: Rep. Knox motion to Table Bill

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.0; Comments: Rep. Knox would like to Table this Bill until we receive clarification from EPA as to whether this Bill is necessary to maintain primacy.}

Discussion: Rep. Tash, questioned what it would take to get this Bill back into Committee; Rep. Knox replied, it would just take a majority vote to bring it back into Committee.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 11.1; Comments: none.}

Motion/Vote: Motion to Table the Bill carried unanimously, 18-0,
Bill Tabled

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 132

Motion: DO PASS

Discussion: none

Motion/Vote: all in favor, DO PASS Motion, 18-0

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 11.9; Comments: none.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 73

Motion: DO PASS

Discussion: none

Motion/Vote: all in favor, DO PASS, 18-0

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 12.7; Comments: none.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:12 p.m.



REP. DICK KNOX, Chairman



STEPHANIE BRAUN, Secretary

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