

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN MILLS, on January 23, 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. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)
Rep. Matt Denny (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener (D)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Chris Ahner, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Ellen Bergman (R), Rep. Bill Carey (D),
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D), Rep. Deb Kottel (D), Rep. Daniel W.
McGee (R), Rep. Liz Smith (R), Rep. Loren L. Soft (R)

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 204-1/13; HB 205-1/13; HB
229-1/14; HB 255-1/17
Executive Action: HB 60 DO PASS
HB 64 DO PASS
HB 197 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 201 DO PASS
HB 255 DO PASS
HB 204 TABLED

HEARING ON HB 229

Sponsor: Rep. John Cobb, HD 50

Proponents:

Gordon Morris, MACO
Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Opponents:

Tom Harrison, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

Proponents' Testimony:

Alec Hansen {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: management efficiency.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Tom Harrison {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.1-8.2; Comments: audits available in private sector. Creates another full service level of government.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.2-22.1.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb closed.

HEARING ON HB 205

Sponsor: Rep. Royal Johnson, HD 10

Proponents: Lil Anderson, Director of City County Health and Deering Clinic
Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

Opponents: None

Proponents' Testimony:

Lil Anderson {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0-3.0; Comments: explained dual systems and variety of health care, indigent care model.}

Bill Kennedy {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.3-5.8; Comments: opportunity to contract with city and county, flexibility.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.2-Tape: 2; Side A; 4.8.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Johnson closed on the bill.

HEARING ON HB 204

Sponsor: Rep. David Ewer, HD 33 {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.0; Comments: recommended tabling the bill due to HB 255.}

Rep. Ewer moved to TABLE HB 204. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Ewer closed.

HEARING ON HB 255

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Lawson, HD 80 {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Gordon Morris, MACO {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.9.}

Jacqueline Lenmark, Association of Clerk and Recorders {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.8.}

Mike Griffith, Chairman, Lewis and Clark Commissioners

Larry Fasbender, Cascade County {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0; Comments: Corrects problem at juvenile facility.}

Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.9; Comments: gives counties flexibility to set their own rules.}

Jerome Anderson, Tobacco Institute {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.1; Comments: bill demonstrates freedom of choice.}

Mona Jamison, American Lung Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Lawson closed

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 60

Motion/Vote: Rep. Hagener moved to DO PASS HB 60. The question was called.

Vote: The motion passed on a roll call vote 18-2.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 64

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ewer moved to DO PASS HB 64. The question was called.

Discussion: {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26-30; Comments: none.}

Vote: The motion passed on a roll call vote 19-0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 201

Motion/Vote: Rep. Hagener moved DO PASS HB 201.

Discussion: {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.31-12.2; Comments: none.}

Vote: The question was called. The motion PASSED 18-2.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 197

Amendments: Mr. Campbell explained the amendment.

Motion: Rep. Carey moved the amendment. The question was called and the motion passed.

Discussion: {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.9-17.3; Comments: none.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Carey moved DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed on a roll call vote 17-2.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 255

Motion: Rep. Lawson moved DO PASS.

Amendments: Rep. Brainard moved to amend by striking the language "tobacco free."

Discussion: Rep. Dowell {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.6; Comments: regret not including state buildings as smoke free as well.}

Rep. Ewer {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22,8; Comments: resist amendment re: juvenile detention, group homes/faith in county to use common sense.}

Rep. Lawson {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.7;
Comments: Responsibility in hands of local governing body.}

Motion: The question was called on the amendment. The motion
FAILED.

Motion/Vote: The question was called to DO PASS HB 255. The
motion PASSED on a roll call vote 17-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:17 p.m.



REP. NORM MILLS, Chairman



DEBBIE THOMPSON, Secretary

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