

MINUTES

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL, on January 27, 1997, at 3:08 p.m., in Room 325.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gary Feland (R)
Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Dan McGee; Rep. Diana Wyatt

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division
Mike Wingard, Legislative Audit Division
Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Meg Angell, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 279 (1/22/97)
HB 261 (1/22/97)
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. TIM DOWELL, HD 78

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .8; Comments: Rep. Dowell introduced the bill.}

Proponents' Testimony:

PAMELA KENNEDY, Kalispell City Council
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.0.}

EXHIBIT 1

CHRISTOPHER GARTNER, Teen; Flathead Peer Court
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.6.}

Proponents' Testimony, cont.

DESIREE RYERSON, Teen; Flathead Peer Court
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.7.}

MILT CARLSON, City/County Cooperation Group, Kalispell
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.5.}

JULIE MASON, Teen; Flathead Peer Court
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.7.}

HEATHER DECKER, Teen; Flathead Peer Court
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.9.}

BARBARA MOSES, Flathead Peer Court
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.6.}

CHARLOTTE THUNDER FALCON, Teen; Flathead Peer Court
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.7.}

Opponents' Testimony: NONE

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: NONE

Closing by Sponsor: REP. TIM DOWELL
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.1.}

HEARING ON HB 261

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BRAD MOLNAR, HD 22
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.4; Comments: Rep. Molnar introduced the bill.}

Proponents' Testimony: NONE

Opponents' Testimony:

DICK BOUTILIER, Juvenile Probation Officer, Great Falls
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.5.}

CANDY WIMMER, Montana Board of Crime Control
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.7.}

MIKE OTTO, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Lewistown
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.0.}

Opponents' Testimony, cont.

JIM SMITH, Montana Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.0.}

Informational Testimony:

MIKE FERRITER, Department of Corrections
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.1.}

MARY ANN WELLBANK, Child Support Enforcement Division
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.7.}

JIM OBERHOFER, Post Council, Montana Board of Crime Control
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.6.} **EXHIBIT 2**

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.6.}

Closing by Sponsor: **REP. BRAD MOLNAR**
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.2.}

CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.0; Comments:
Clarification re: expectations/request for solutions.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:28 p.m.



REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



MEG ANGELL, Secretary

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