

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT DENNY**, on February 6, 1997, at 9:a.m., in room 420.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Denny, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Matt Brainard, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)  
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)  
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)  
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Rep. Norm Mills (R)  
Rep. Doug Mood (R)  
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters (R)  
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division  
Keri Burkhardt, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 372, HB 376; (1/29/97)  
HB 394; (1/30/97).  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HB 372**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. JOAN HURDLE, H.D. 13.  
**EXHIBIT 1,2,3,4,5.**

**{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .6; Comments: None.}**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Russell LaVigne, Peoples Law Center, Montana Low Income

Coalition, Montana Welfare Action Coalition.

**EXHIBIT 6.**

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 11.3; Comments: None.}*

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 13; Comments: None.}*

Duane Winslow, County Election Administrator, Yellowstone.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: None.}*

Shelly Cheney, County Clerk and Recorder, Gallatin.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 22.7; Comments: None.}*

Betty T. Lund, County Clerk and Recorder, Ravalli.

**EXHIBIT 7.**

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.4; Comments: None.}*

Sue Haverfield, County Clerk and Recorder, Flathead.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 31.9; Comments: None.}*

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 35.7 through 5(1/b);  
Comments: None.}*

**Closing by Sponsor:** REP. HURDLE closes.

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 5; Comments: None.}*

**HEARING ON HB 376**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. JOE TROPILA, H.D. 47.

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}*

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Marilyn Wesle, Board of Regions.

**EXHIBIT 8.**

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 11.3; Comments: None.}*

Bob Lane, Chief Council, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

**EXHIBIT 9.**

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 12.9; Comments: None.}*

Gene Kiser, Administrator, Montana Board of Crime Control.

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 14; Comments: None.}*

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 16.7; Comments: None.}*

**Closing by Sponsor:** REP. TROPILA closes.

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 23.2; Comments: None.}*

HEARING ON HB 394

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. LARRY HAL GRINDE, H.D. 94.  
EXHIBIT 10,11,12,13.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 23.8; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Bob Raney, H.D. 26.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 39.6; Comments: None.}

George Oshenski.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 43.4; Comments: None.}

Rep. Sam Kitzenberg, H.D. 96.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .9; Comments: None.}

Judy Browning, Chief of Staff, Governors Office.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 3.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Dave Fisher, Chairperson, Public Service Commission.

EXHIBIT 14.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8; Comments: None.}

Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 11.3; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Marilyn Weslow, Montana University System.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 12.2; Comments: None.}

Ed Argenbright, Commissioner of Political Practices.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. GRINDE closes.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.7; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 a.m.

*Matt Denny*

REP. MATT DENNY, Chairman

*Keri Burkhardt*

KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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