

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Dick Knox, on February 10, 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 437 (2/6), HB 450 (2/6),
HB 427 (2/6)
Executive Action: HB 293 deferred

HEARING ON HB 437

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Haley Beaudry, HD #35

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 1.4; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jan Sensibaugh, Department of Environmental Quality submitted Exhibits #1 & #2

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: Exhibit #1 & #2.}

Jill Andrews, MT Mining Association

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.8; Comments: approve of Bill as amended.}

Tad Dale, mining engineer, Norris Operation Majesty Mining

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 17.1; Comments: none.}

Opponents' Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Beaudry closes

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 38.1; Comments: none.}

HEARING ON HB 450

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Dan McGee, HD #21

Exhibit #3 & #4

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 0.9; Comments: Exhibit #3 & #4.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Warren Lanala, MT Association of Realtors

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 14.6; Comments: none.}

John Shontz, MT Association of Realtors submitted Exhibit #5 & #6

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 30.1; Comments: Exhibit #5 & #6.}

Bob Gilbert, citizen, interested in subdivision regulation

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 36.7; Comments: none.}

Wade Spilker, MT Association of Realtors

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 41.8; Comments: none.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Jim Richard, MT Wildlife Federation, MT Association of Planners

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

Gordon Morris, Director of Association of Counties opposed Bill as introduced

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 7.7; Comments: none.}

Paul Stahl, Deputy Attorney

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.5; Comments: none.}

John Beaudry, Planning Director for Stillwater County submitted Exhibit #7

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: none.}

Anne Hedges, MT Environmental Information Center submitted Exhibit #8 & #9

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.8; Comments: Exhibits #8 & #9.}

Glenna Obie, County Commissioner Chair for Jefferson County

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 18.5; Comments: none.}

Janet Ellis, MT Audubon submitted Exhibit #10

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: none.}

Ted Lange, Northern Plains Resource Council

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 24.1; Comments: none.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. McGee closed

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.9; Comments: none.}

Rep. Tash (who was Committee Chair while Rep. Knox presented a Bill in another Committee) assigned a subcommittee to study this bill: Rep. Stovall, Rep. Story, Rep. Trexler, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Swanson

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 15.7; Comments: none.}

HEARING ON HB 427

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bob Raney, HD #26 submitted Exhibits #11, #12, #13, #14 & #16

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 17.4; Comments: Exhibits #11, #12, #13, #14 & #16.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Sen. Lorents Grosfield, SD #13

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 31.4; Comments: none.}

Gail Abercrombie, Director of MT Petroleum Association

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 38.0; Comments: none.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Rep. Ernst Bergsagel, HD #76

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 39.3; Comments: none.}

Ed Moore, East Fork of Rock Creek Dam

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 41.3; Comments: none.}

Jamie Doggett, Resource Conservation Association Commission

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 44.9; Comments: none.}

Nick Clos, MT Rural Water Systems submitted Exhibit #15

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 46.9; Comments: Exhibit #15.}

Jill Scheel, MT Association of Conservation Districts

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: none.}

John Manley, NLWU, NRCD submitted Exhibit #17

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: Exhibit #17.}

Gloria Paladichuk, Richland Development

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.8; Comments: none.}

Randy Mosely, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.6; Comments: none.}

Anne Hedges, MT Environmental Information Center

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: none.}

Brett Brownscombe, MT Wildlife Federation

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 11.6; Comments: none.}

Jay Barnorky, Ruby Valley Board Member

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 13.8; Comments: none.}

Robert Goffono, Deadman's Basin

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.0; Comments: none.}

Mike Murphy, MT Water Resource Association

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 18.5; Comments: none.}

Rep. Aubyn Curtiss, HD #81

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 19.4; Comments: none.}

Susan Cottingham, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission
tape stamp not applicable only written testimony, submitted
Exhibit #18

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 19.6; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Raney closed

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 41.5; Comments: none.}

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still closing.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 293

Motion: Rep. Orr; DO PASS

Amendments: hb029302.alm submitted by Rep. Orr

Discussion: Rep. Orr discussed the Subcommittee meeting. Rep. Orr did not follow "majority vote" on the amendments that he just handed out to the Committee to review. Rep. Orr decided which amendments that were submitted by various testimony's given would fit, coincide and make the Bill better.

{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.1; Comments: none.}

Rep. Swanson said the subcommittee met 3 times and Rep. Orr made all the decisions.

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Rep. Orr moved the amendments. Rep. Orr went through each amendment and addressed the change(s) that each would implement.

{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 8.9; Comments: none.}

Rep. Orr had Larry Mitchell handout a "grey" bill that incorporated all the amendment changes so that the Committee could see how Hb 293 would read with amendments.

{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 16.1; Comments: none.}

Rep. Knox had a five minute conference with only the Subcommittee members and informed them that he would like them to meet again and come to a consensus vote on the amendments that will be presented to the Committee.

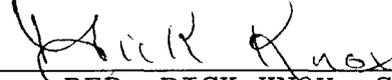
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Motion/Vote:

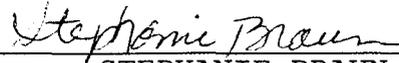
Vote:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:35



REP. DICK KNOX, Chairman



STEPHANIE BRAUN, Secretary

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