

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 12, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., in Room 312.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Edward J. "Ed" Grady, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Roger DeBruycker (R)
Rep. Gary Feland (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Rep. John Johnson (D)
Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)
Rep. William R. Wiseman (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Division
Marjorie Peterson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 7, HB 467
Executive Action: HB 62 TABLED, HB 67 TABLED,
HB 179 TABLED, HB 300 TABLED,
HB 356 TABLED, HB 397 TABLED

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, HD 95, Malta, opened the hearing on HB 7, An act appropriating money to DNRC for grants for designated projects under the reclamation and development grants program. **REP. BERGSAGEL** handed out the priority ranking for the 1999

biennium recommendations by the Long-Range Planning Subcommittee.

EXHIBIT 1.

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Proponents:

John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. He stated he would be available for any questions.

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. BERGSAGEL closed the hearing on HB 7.

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HEARING ON HB 467

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. RED MENAHAN, HD 57, Anaconda, opened the hearing on HB 467, An act appropriating money to the Department of Public Health and Human Services for in-home services to older Montanans.

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Proponents:

Charles Briggs, Montana Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

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Verner Bertelsen, Legacy Legislature and Montana Senior Citizens Association.

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Alve Thomas, American Association of Retired Persons, Helena.

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Dick Pattison, Montana Senior Citizens Association.

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Elmer Fauth, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Great Falls.

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Doug Campbell, Former Board Member, Missoula County on Aging, Missoula.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. MENAHAN closed the hearing on HB 467.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 7

Motion/Vote: REP. GRADY moved HB 7 Do Pass. Motion carried unanimously. It was later decided to withdraw this action because there were amendments on HB 7 that were not distributed at this time. Motion withdrew.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 62

Motion/Vote: REP. GRADY moved to TABLE HB 62. Motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 67, HB 179, HB 356

Motion/Vote: The committee decided to act on these three bills together as they were all sponsored by REP. COBB and he had asked to have them Tabled. There was a motion to Table HB 67, HB 179 and HB 356. Motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 300

Motion/Vote: REP. GRADY moved to Table HB 300. Motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 397

Motion/Vote: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON moved to Table HB 397. Motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 223

Motion/Vote: REP. PECK moved HB 223 Amendment HB022301.adb Do Pass. Motion carried 16 - 1, with REP. ROYAL JOHNSON voting no.

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Executive Action was not taken on HB 223 at this time. The subcommittee will still be hearing testimony concerning this bill and will make their recommendations to the full Appropriations Committee.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON LC 536

Discussion:

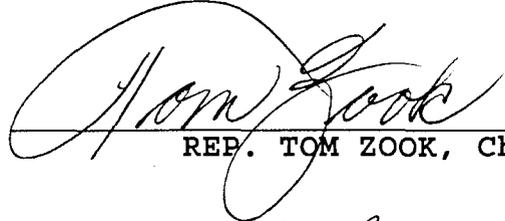
REP. MCCANN discussed the Base Budget Reduction Plan bill that was approved by the Legislative Finance Committee. It does not have a bill number yet. REP. MCCANN suggested the committee vote on the bill to have it introduced.

Motion/Vote: REP. PECK moved LC 536 Do Pass. Motion carried unanimously.

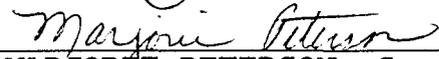
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 p.m.



REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman



MARJORIE PETERSON, Secretary

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