

MINUTES

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL, on February 13, 1997, at
3:17 p.m., in Room 325.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)
Rep. Gary Feland (R)
Sen. Delwyn Gage (R)
Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)
Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood (R)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)
Rep. Diana E. Wyatt (D)

Members Excused: None

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 405 (2/7/97)
HB 477 (2/7/97)
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 405

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. DIANA WYATT, HD 43
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .2; Comments: .}

Proponents' Testimony:

SEN. CHRIS CHRISTIAENS, SD 23
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.1.}

KEN NEILL, District Court Judge - Great Falls
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.0.}

BETTY WADDELL, Montana Association of Churches
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.2.}

EXHIBIT 1

SHARON HOFF, Montana Catholic Conference
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.5.}

Opponents' Testimony:

SUE WILKINS, Missoula Correctional Services, Inc.

Informational Testimony:

MARY FAY, Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole Bureau
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.0.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.2.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. DIANA WYATT
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.3.}

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HEARING ON HB 477

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BRAD MOLNAR, HD 22

EXHIBITS 2-5

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.5.}

Opponents' Testimony:

CHRISTINE FIORE, Missoula resident
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.8; Comments: Opponents' testimony was heard prior to Proponents' testimony in order to facilitate hearing from people from out of town who had to leave.}

CANDY WIMMER, Montana Board of Crime Control
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.7.}

JOE CONNELL, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Boulder, MT

EXHIBIT 6

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.2.}

STEVE NELSEN, Bozeman resident

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.9.}

Proponents' Testimony:

**JAN HENDERSON, Parents and Juvenile Justice and Mental Health
Study Commission**

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.6.}

LESLIE HALKO, Bozeman

EXHIBIT 7

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.7; Comments: Testimony
was read by Ms. Henderson on Ms. Halko's behalf.}

INEZ HOWETH, Helena on behalf of Mrs. Cain, New Mexico **EXHIBIT 8**

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.}

Informational Testimony:

ROBERT RUNKEL, OPI

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.4.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

EXHIBIT 9

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.5.}

Closing by Sponsor: **REP. BRAD MOLNAR**

EXHIBIT 10

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 24.8; Comments: Closing
remarks continued on Tape 3, Side A.}

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.4; Comments: Chairman
Bergsagel requested authorization from the Committee to procure
certain bill titles from which to work following the Monday night
work session. See motions below..}

**MOTION/VOTE: REPRESENTATIVE MCGEE MOVED CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL
PROCURE A BILL ENTITLED REVISE SENTENCING LAWS. Motion carried
unanimously.**

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.3.}

**MOTION/VOTE: REPRESENTATIVE MCGEE MOVED CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL
PROCURE A BILL ENTITLED REVISE PROBATION AND PAROLE. Motion
carried unanimously.**

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.7.}

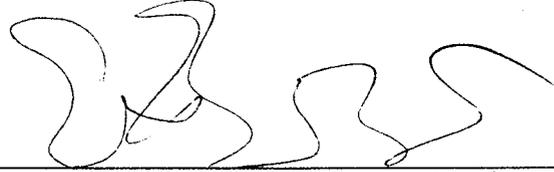
MOTION/VOTE: REPRESENTATIVE MCGEE MOVED CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL
PROCURE A BILL ENTITLED REVISE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE PAROLE
BOARD. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.9.}

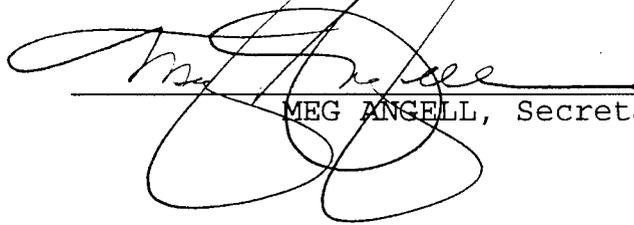
MOTION/VOTE: REPRESENTATIVE MCGEE MOVED CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL
PROCURE A BILL ENTITLED REVISE FUNCTIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE
SYSTEM. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:30 p.m.



REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



MEG ANGELL, Secretary

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Minutes taped on SONY BM 89-T.