

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 17, 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 13, HB 456, HB 493  
Executive Action: None.

#### HEARING ON HB 13

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. BILL WISEMAN, HD 41, Great Falls**, opened the hearing on HB 13, An act directing the Department of Administration to develop an alternative compensation system for state employees, clarifying statutes governing certain salary and expense payments for elected officials, providing pay adjustments for state employees in the statewide, teachers, and blue-collar pay plans,

increasing state contribution to employee group benefit programs, extending and revising the state employee incentive awards program, providing an appropriation to fund pay and benefit adjustments.

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**Proponents:**

Lois Menzies, Director, Department of Administration, Helena. Ms. Menzies submitted her written testimony along with an information sheet on the principal components on HB 13 and an analysis of the state's survey. **EXHIBIT 1.**

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Mark Cress, Administrator, State Personnel Division, Department of Administration, Helena. Mr. Cress submitted changes to this bill in the form of an amendment dated February 17, 1997.

**EXHIBIT 2.**

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Jim McGarvey, President, Montana Federation of State Employees. Mr. McGarvey submitted his written testimony. **EXHIBIT 3.**

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Tom Snyder, Montana Public Employees Association.

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Richard Crofts, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education. Mr. Crofts submitted his written testimony. **EXHIBIT 4.**

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George Dennison, President, University of Montana, Missoula. Mr. Dennison submitted his written testimony. **EXHIBIT 5.**

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Michael Malone, President, Montana State University, Bozeman. Mr. Malone submitted his written testimony. **EXHIBIT 6.**

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**Opponents:**

None.

**Questions From the Committee:**

None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

REP. WISEMAN closed the hearing on HB 13.

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HEARING ON HB 493

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, HD 99, Brockway, opened the hearing on HB 493, An act establishing the judicial redistricting commission, providing for appointments to the commission, directing the commission to conduct a comprehensive review and assessment of the Montana judicial districting system, appropriating funds for the operation of the commission.

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Proponents:

Sen. Fred Thomas, SD 31, Stevensville, submitted a letter from the Legislative Audit Division, which included the district caseloads, a map of judicial districts and caseload statistics, and information on Montana's 1994 district court filings.

EXHIBITS 7, 8, 9.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. KASTEN closed the hearing on HB 493.

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HEARING ON HB 456

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. STEVE VICK, HD 31, Belgrade, opened the hearing on HB 456, An act eliminating state funding for art, eliminating the Montana Arts Council and the cultural and aesthetics projects advisory council, eliminating cultural and aesthetic project grants, eliminating the financing of art for state buildings, transferring the balance in the cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund and the cultural and aesthetic project account to the general fund.

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Informational, Proponent and Opponent:

Paul Monaco, Arts Educator, Gallatin Gateway. Mr. Monaco submitted his written testimony. EXHIBIT 10.

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Proponents:

Susan Snyder, Pendroy.

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**Opponents:**

Roger Scott, Helena.

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Richard Notkin, Studio Artist, Helena.

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Judy Erickson, Cultural Trust Advisory Panel, Great Falls.

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Kendra Anderson, Livingston.

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Allan Lenhardt, Billings.

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John Munding, Helena Symphony Society, Helena. Mr. Munding submitted his written testimony. **EXHIBIT 11.**

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Charlene White, Montana Dancers Association, Helena.

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Heather Aldrich, Montana Dancer and Middle School Student, Helena.

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Kelly Duncan, Senior, Capital High School, Helena.

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Rory Hanrahan, Helena.

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Charlotte Trolinger, Photographer, Bozeman. Ms. Trolinger submitted her written testimony. **EXHIBIT 12.**

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Jason Smith, Ballet Dancer, Bozeman. Mr. Smith submitted his written testimony. **EXHIBIT 13.**

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Linda Reed, Past President, Myrna Loy Theatre, Helena.

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Grayce Holzheimer, Great Falls. Ms. Holzheimer submitted copies of murals painted by school children in Sims, Montana.

**EXHIBITS 14, 15.**

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Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches, Helena. Ms. Waddell also submitted written testimony for Arin Waddell, Bozeman. **EXHIBIT 16.**

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Joe Lamson, Office of Public Instruction, Helena. Mr. Lamson stated he was here on behalf of Nancy Keenan, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Phoebe Toland, Helena Artist.

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John Lepley, Director, Museum of Fort Benton.

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Chip Clawson, Artist, Helena. Mr. Clawson submitted his written testimony. **EXHIBIT 17.**

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Ralph Paulus, Choteau.

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Kathy Macefield, Planning Director, City of Helena.

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Eva McDunn, Director, Museum of Choteau.

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Arnie Fishbaugh, Executive Director, Montana Arts Council, Helena.

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**Questions From the Committee:**

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Questions continued on Tape 2, Side B.

Rep. Keenan submitted an expenditure analysis of the accounts from the Montana Arts Council for fiscal year 1995-1996.

**EXHIBIT 18.**

A letter was submitted in opposition to HB 456 from Dana Grant, Ronan. **EXHIBIT 19.**

A letter was submitted in opposition to HB 456 from Josh DeWeese, Resident Director, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena. **EXHIBIT 20.**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**REP. VICK** closed the hearing on HB 456.

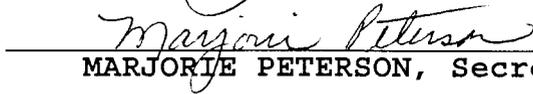
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.



REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman



MARJORIE PETERSON, Secretary

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