

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: By Rep. Aubyn Curtiss, on February 17, 1997, at
12:00 P.M., in room 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss, Chairman (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. George Heavy Runner, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Robert R. "Bob" Ream (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)

Members Excused: Rep. John "Sam" Rose (R)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary Lou Bruno, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HJR 25 2-14-97
Executive Action: HJR 11 .

HEARING ON HJR 25

Sponsor: REP. MATT BRAINARD HD 62 introduced the bill.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.00; Comments: None.}

Proponents: Mike Collins, self, also Independent Miners of
Montana.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: None}

Opponents: Deborah Smith Montana Chapter Sierra Club
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.9; Comments: None}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: REPRESENTATIVE
RAY PECK to Mike Collins on definition of Independent Miner.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.0; Comments: None.}

REPRESENTATIVE HEAVY RUNNER to Collins.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.6}

REPRESENTATIVE JAY STOVALL TO Deborah Smith.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.6; Comments: None.}

REPRESENTATIVE BOB REAM TO SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVE MATT BRAINARD.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

REPRESENTATIVE HALEY BEAUDRY TO SPONSOR REPRESENTATIVE MATT BRAINARD.

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

Closing by Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE MATT BRAINARD closed on the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: :34.6; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 11

Motion: REPRESENTATIVE ROD BITNEY MOVED HJR 11 DO PASS.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.9; Comments: NONE.}

Discussion: REPRESENTATIVE KIM GILLAN made statement to committee.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.6; Comments: None.}

REPRESENTATIVE JAY STOVALL statement to committee about problems on the reservations.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 37.5; Comments: None.}

REPRESENTATIVE MATT BRAINARD statement about Federal Program being turned back to local government.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.5; Comments: None.}

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE HEAVY RUNNER comments to committee.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.7; Comments: None.}

REPRESENTATIVE MATT BRAINARD MOVED HJR 25 BE TABLED.

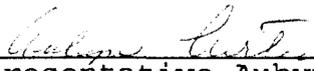
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Vote: MOTION TO TABLE HJR 11 CARRIED 9-0

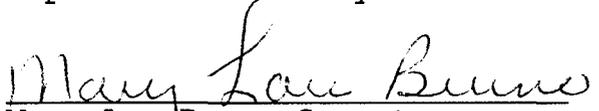
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 1:00 P.M.



Representative Aubyn Curtiss



Mary Lou Bruno Secretary