

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Joe Barnett, on February 18, 1997, at
3:00 p.m., in Room 437

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)
Rep. John "Sam" Rose, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Peggy Arnott (R)
Rep. Paul Bankhead (R)
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)
Rep. Rick Jore (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Doug Mood (R)
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr. (R)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 562 - 2-17-97
HJR 27 - 2-18-97

Executive Action: HB 562 - TABLED
HR 2 - TABLED
HB 402 - DO PASS
HB 474 - TABLED
HB 390 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 489 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
HJR 27 - DO PASS

HEARING ON HJR 27

"BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS STANCE ON FEDERAL BISON MANAGEMENT AND URGING HIM TO REMAIN FIRM IN HIS DEMAND THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DIRECT THE UNITED STATES SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE AND THE INTERIOR TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES OVER BISON MANAGEMENT IN A WAY THAT WILL NOT EXPOSE MONTANA CITIZENS OR THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY TO HARM."

Sponsor: Rep. Shiell Anderson, HD 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Anderson said this is a Committee Bill to ask the federal government to be responsible for bison management within the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park.

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Proponents: Lorna Frank-Karn, Montana Farm Bureau.

Les Graham, Montana Cattle Women.

Sharon Kindle, Women Involved in Farm Economics.

Lawrence Peterson, Executive Officer, Montana Department of Livestock.

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: .}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Anderson closed the Hearing on HJR 27.

HEARING ON HB 562

"AN ACT PROVIDING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AUTHORITY OVER A VIOLATION OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Sponsor: Rep. John Cobb, HD 50

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.9; }

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb explained the Bill concerns conservation districts.

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Proponents: Gayla Hall, Lewis and Clark Conservation District.

District. K. D. Feedback, Lewis and Clark Conservation
EXHIBIT 1.

Steve Pilcher, Self

Steve Granville, Self

Sharon Kindle, Self, Malta, Montana.

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.6 - 43.1; }
Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Jore,
Krenzler, Arnott, Story, Rose.

Responses by K. D. Feedback, Rep. Cobb

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.3; }
Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb closed the Hearing on HB 562.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 562

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 44.0; }
Motion: Rep. Krenzler moved DO PASS on HB 562.

Discussion: Reps. Adams, Story, Rose, Jore, Hurdle, Arnott,
Heavy Runner.

Vote: Voice Vote - Motion did not Pass.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Krenzler moved to TABLE HB 562. Motion
carried unanimously. 20 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 55.4; Comments: .}
Motion/Vote: Rep. Arnott moved to bring HB 224 off the TABLE.
Motion failed 9 - 11.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 2

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 58.8; }
Motion: Rep. Trexler moved DO PASS HR 2.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Mood moved the amendment to HR 2. Motion
carried unanimously.

Motion:: Rep. Trexler moved HR 2 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 61.9; Comments: .}

Discussion: Reps. Heavy Runner, Story, Jore, Rose.

Vote: Motion failed 3 - 17.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 64.9; }
Motion/Vote Rep. Taylor moved to TABLE HR 2. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 402

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 65.6; }
Motion: Rep. Masolo moved HB 402 DO PASS.

Discussion: Reps. Rose, Taylor.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously. 19 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 474

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 67.9; }
Motion: Rep. Rose moved DO PASS.

Discussion: Reps. Krenzler, Story, Taylor, Rose, Jore.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Masolo moved to TABLE HB 474. Motion carried 16 - 3.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 390

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 71.9; }
Motion: Rep. Story moved HB 390 DO PASS.

Discussion: Reps. Story, Schmidt, Rose. Jore, Ryan, Masolo, Taylor, Heavy Runner.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ryan moved that the staffer, Dave Bohyer, prepare the amendments to HB 390. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Story moved HB 390 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17 - 2.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 27

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 86.9 - 90.1; }
Motion: Rep. Taylor moved HJR 27 DO PASS.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.2; }
Discussion: Reps. Heavy Runner, Adams, Taylor, Whitehead, Mood, Stovall, Pease, Bankhead.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously 19 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 489

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.4 - 28.0; }

Motion: Rep. Story moved HB 489 DO PASS.

Discussion: Reps. Story, Krenzler, Ryan, Hurdle, Masolo, Taylor, Adams, Rose, Mood.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Story moved the amendments. Motion carried unanimously. 19 - 0.

Motion: Rep. Story moved the Bill HB 489 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion: Chairman Barnett read a letter from Mike Kadas, Mayor, Missoula, Montana. **EXHIBIT 2.**

Discussion: Rep. Krenzler.

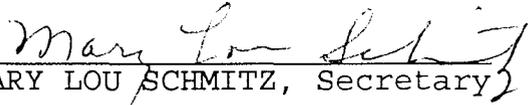
Vote: Motion carried 13 - 7.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 p.m.



REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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