

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Dick Knox, on March 5, 1997, at 3:15 p.m., in Room 437

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dick Knox, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Tash, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)  
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)  
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Rep. Doug Mood (R)  
Rep. Karl Ohs (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)  
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)  
Rep. Douglas T. Wagner (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tuss

**Members Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Williams, Legislative Services  
Stephanie Braun, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 97 (2/21), SB 108 (2/21)  
Executive Action: none

**HEARING ON SB 108**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Sen. Tom Beck, SD #28  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 1.3; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

John Bloomquist, attorney from Helena, submitted Exhibit #1  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: Exhibit #1.}

Mike Murphy, MT Water Resources Association  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 17.3; Comments: none.}

John Youngberg, MT Farm Bureau  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 18.2; Comments: none.}

Susan Cottingham, MT Water Reserved Water Rights Compact  
Commission  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 19.1; Comments: none.}

Holly Franz, MT Power Company  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: none.}

Harley Harris, Assistant Attorney General  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: none.}

Don MacIntyre, attorney for Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation submitted Exhibit 2  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 22.4; Comments: Exhibit #2.}

Jan Rehberg, attorney, representing herself submitted Exhibit #3  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: Exhibit #3.}

Opponents' Testimony: none

Informational Testimony:

Bruce Loble, Judge MT Water Court  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 27.9; Comments: none.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.1; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Beck closed  
{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: none.}

HEARING ON HB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Lorents Grosfield, SD #13  
{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 5.7; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don MacIntyre, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
submitted Exhibit #4

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 12.7; Comments: Exhibit #4.}

Jon Metropoulos, FJBC, represents three water Districts submitted Exhibit #5

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 30.1; Comments: Exhibit #5.}

Holly Franz, MT Power Company submitted Exhibit #6

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 39.6; Comments: Exhibit #6.}

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John Bloomquist, MT Stockgrower's Association

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.8; Comments: none.}

Mike Murphy, MT Water Resource Association

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: none.}

John Youngberg, MT Farm Bureau

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 10.0; Comments: none.}

Jan Rehberg, attorney, representing herself submitted Exhibits #7 & #8

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: Exhibit #7 & #8.}

Opponents' Testimony: none

Informational Testimony:

Susan Cottingham, Reserve Water Rights Compact Commission

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 17.5; Comments: none.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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Don MacIntyre submitted Exhibit #9

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Grosfield closed

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Rep. Knox assigned a Subcommittee (Chair Rep. Tash, Rep. Ohs, Rep. Story, Rep. Harper and Rep. Schmidt) to study SB 97 and the proposed amendments.

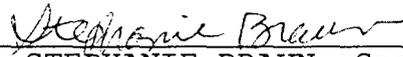
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:35 p.m.



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REP. DICK KNOX, Chairman



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STEPHANIE BRAUN, Secretary

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