

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT DENNY**, on March 7, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., in room 420.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Denny, Chairman (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Norm Mills (R)
Rep. Doug Mood (R)
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr. (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division
Keri Burkhardt, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 340, SB 344; (2/5/97)
Executive Action: HB 170, HB 112, HB 458, HB
459, SB 220.

HEARING ON SB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JOHN HARP, S.D. 42.
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .3; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Vicki Cocchiarella, H.D. 64.
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: None.}

Elaine Johnston, Executive Director, Montana Republican Party.

EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.9; Comments: None.}

Tara Mele, MontPIRG

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: None.}

Brad Martin, Executive Director, Montana Democratic Party.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.6; Comments: None.}

Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 6.9; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Angela Fultz, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.1 (1/a) through 1.5 (1/b); Comments: None.}

Joe Kerwin, Deputy of Elections and Legislative Bureau, Secretary of State, answered questions.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. COCCHIARELLA closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 340

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD, S.D. 13.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Angela Janacarol, Montana Mining Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 18; Comments: None.}

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{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 19.6; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Tara Mele, MontPIRG.

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

Mark Mackin.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 25.1; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Joe Kerwin, Secretary of State.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.5; Comments: None.}

Beth Baker, Department of Justice.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.5; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 19; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. GROSFIELD closes.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 29.9 through 3.9 (2/b);
Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 170

AMENDMENT: hb017001.ash

Motion: REP. MOOD MOVED TO RECONSIDER ACTION ON HB 170. Motion carried 15-1. Rep. Rehbein voted no. REP. MOOD MOVED DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.6; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. DENNY MOVED TO AMEND (hb017001.ash).

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

Linda King, Public Employees Retirement Division, answered questions.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried 16-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. DENNY MOVED DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.5; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried 14-2. Rep. Mills and Rep. Rehbein voted no.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 10.3; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 112

Amendments: hb011201.ash

Motion: REP. HAGENER MOVED TO RECONSIDER ACTION. Motion carried 15-1. Rep. Rehbein voted no.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 11.4; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. HAGENER MOVED DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. BRAINARD MOVED TO AMEND (hb011201.ash)

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 12.1; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. HAGENER MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 16.4; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. HAGENER WITHDREW THE MOTION TO AMEND.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 21.8; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion failed 8-8. Rep. Dowell, Rep. Hagener, Rep. Heavy Runner, Rep. Kitzenberg, Rep. Schmidt, Rep. Simpson, Rep. Rehbein, and Rep. Walters voted no.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 21.9; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. HAGENER MOVED TO AMEND.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. HAGENER WITHDREW MOTION TO AMEND.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 25; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. REHBEIN MOVED TO RECONSIDER AMENDMENT (hb011201.ash). Motion carried 13-3. Rep. Dowell, Rep. Kitzenberg, and Rep. Simpson voted no.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 26.2; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. BRAINARD MOVED TO AMEND (hb011201.ash).
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .4; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried 14-2. Rep. Dowell and Rep. Kitzenberg voted no.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.3; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. BRAINARD MOVED DO PASS AS AMENDED.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 6/2; Comments: None.}

Vote: REP. DENNY CALLED THE QUESTION. Motion carried 15-1. Rep. Rehbein voted no.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 10.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 458

Motion: REP. BEAUDRY MOVED DO PASS ON HB 458.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 13.7; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. MILLS MOVED TO TABLE. Motion carried 15-1. Rep. Rehbein voted no.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.5; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 459

Motion: REP. REHBEIN MOVED DO PASS.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.1; Comments: None.}

Discussion:
Tom Schnieder, Department of Administration, answered questions.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 17.7; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. BEAUDRY MOVED TO TABLE. Motion carried 15-1. Rep. Rehbein voted no.

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 19.4; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 220

Motion: REP. SIMPSON MOVED TO BE CONCURRED IN SB 220.

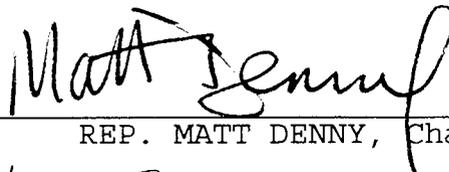
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.3; Comments: None.}

Vote: REP. BEAUDRY CALLED THE QUESTION. Motion carried 14-2. Rep. Adams and Rep. Rehbein voted no.

{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 4.7; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.



REP. MATT DENNY, Chairman



KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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