

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on March 10, 1997, at 8:00 a.m., in Room 312-2.

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 Analyst
Marjorie Peterson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 391, HB 499, HB 511,
HB 567, HB 580, HB 557,
HB 574, HB 576, HB 578
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 391

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. SAM ROSE, HD 87, Choteau, opened the hearing on HB 391, An act implementing the one-stop business licensing pilot project.
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Proponents:

Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce, Helena. Mr. Poole submitted a copy of the Business Registration and Licensing System Plan and the Montana Business Licensing Handbook.

EXHIBITS 1, 2.

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Ralph Peck, Director, Department of Agriculture, Helena.

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Kathleen Martin, Chief, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services, Helena. Ms. Martin submitted her written testimony.

EXHIBIT 3.

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Bill Stevens, Montana Food Distributors Association.

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Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue, Helena.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. ROSE closed the hearing on HB 391.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 29.8.}

HEARING ON HB 499**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. JOHN BOHLINGER, HD 14, Billings, opened the hearing on HB 499, An act establishing an office of the state coordinator for ethnic affairs.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 31.6.}

Proponents:

Rod Garcia, Billings.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 38.8.}

Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches, Helena.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 2.8.}

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. BOHLINGER closed the hearing on HB 499.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 43.2.}

HEARING ON HB 511**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. PATRICK GALVIN, HD 48, Great Falls, opened the hearing on HB 511, An act allowing a county to charge the Department of Revenue for space provided in a county courthouse or other county building. REP. GALVIN submitted his written opening statements.

EXHIBIT 4.

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Proponents:

Larry Fasbender, Cascade County, Great Falls.

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Mike Murray, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner, Helena. Mr. Murray also mentioned that Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties, wanted to be included in the proponents for this bill.

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Opponents:

None.

Informational:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 10.9.}

Tim Burton, Chief, Administration Office, Lewis and Clark County, Helena.

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Questions From the Committee:

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Mary Whittinghill, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue, Helena.

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Debra Fulton, Administrator, General Services Division, Department of Administration, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 25.9.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. GALVIN closed the hearing on HB 511.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 36.6.}

HEARING ON HB 567Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES, HD 68, Missoula, opened the hearing on HB 567, An act providing permanent funding for additional years of service to be purchased under the state employee protection act for a member involuntarily terminated from membership.

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Proponents:

Lois Menzies, Director, Department of Administration, Helena.

Ms. Menzies submitted her written testimony. EXHIBIT 5.

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Terry Minow, Montana Federation of State Employees.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 0.1.}

Dan Anderson, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 2.0.}

Tom Foley, American Federation of State Employees.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 3.7.}

Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 4.8.}

Brian McCullough, Chief, Hearing Bureau, Department of Labor and Industry, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 7.3.}

Tom Dolan, Personnel Officer, Department of Corrections, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 7.4.}

REP. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, HD 64, Missoula.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 8.2.}

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 11.4.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. SQUIRES closed the hearing on HB 567.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 23.5.}

HEARING ON HB 580Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MATT MCCANN, HD 92, Harlem, opened the hearing on HB 580, An act requiring agency program budgets to contain a plan to reduce base budgets by 15 percent.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 26.4.}

Proponent and Opponent:

Dave Lewis, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Helena.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 29.5.}

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. MCCANN closed the hearing on HB 580.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 44.5.}

HEARING ON HB 557Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. LIZ SMITH, HD 56, Deer Lodge, opened the hearing on HB 557, An act requiring the Director of the Office of Budget and Program Planning, on behalf of the Governor, to compile, analyze and make available certain information relating to the administrative costs of government. REP. SMITH submitted a letter, dated December 20, 1996, from the Office of Budget and Program Planning. EXHIBIT 6.

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Informational:

Dave Lewis, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Helena.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 12.9.}

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 14.6.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. SMITH closed the hearing on HB 557.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 15.3.}

HEARING ON HB 574Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. LIZ SMITH, HD 56, Deer Lodge, opened the hearing on HB 574, An act authorizing the creation of state debt through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the construction of a 500-bed, state-operated, close-security prison for males. REP. SMITH submitted a copy of the Montana State Board of Pardons and Parole Statistical Data, a copy of the National and State Tidbits, and a sheet showing the Corrections Population Management Plan. EXHIBITS 7, 8, 9.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 18.0.}

Proponents:

Bob Anderson, Construction Manager, Department of Corrections.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 29.9.}

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 30.9.}

[Note: Tape 3, Side B, was not used.]

Proponents:

Gale Johnson, Deer Lodge County Commissioner.

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. SMITH closed the hearing on HB 574.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 2.1.}

HEARING ON HB 576Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOHN COBB, HD 50, Augusta, opened the hearing on HB 576, An act creating an endowment for children fund within the nonexpendable trust fund type, providing for the use of the fund, revising the uses of the children's trust fund account.

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Proponents:

Kirk Astroth, Children's Trust Fund Board Member, Belgrade.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 7.3.}

Shirley Brown, Program Management Bureau, Child and Family Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services, Helena.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 13.9.}

Bob Torres, Montana Chapter National Association of Social Workers.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 14.6.}

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. COBB closed the hearing on HB 576.

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HEARING ON HB 578

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON, HD 10, Billings, opened the hearing on HB 578, An act eliminating the Montana Board of Science and Technology Development.

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Proponents:

Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce, Helena.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 27.0.}

Informational:

Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 34.7.}

Opponents:

Rebecca Maharin, Chair, Montana Board of Science and Technology. Ms. Maharin submitted her written testimony, six letters in opposition to HB 578, and the Montana Science and Technology Alliance 1997 Biennial Report. EXHIBITS 10, 11, 12.

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Will Brooke, Montana Board of Science and Technology, Bozeman.

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 44.6.}

Jon Marchi, farming operation, Polson. Mr. Marchi submitted his written testimony. EXHIBIT 13.

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Jerry Spencer, Keep It Simple Systems, Helena.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 9.2.}

Monte Giese, D. A. Davidson Co., Great Falls.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 14.1.}

Alan Nicholson, Realtor, Helena.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 17.6.}

Bob Kearns, MicoTech, Butte.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 22.6.}

Dolph Harris, Montana Board of Science and Technology, Sidney.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 31.9.}

Loren Smith, Montana Board of Science and Technology, Great Falls.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 35.8.}

Questions From the Committee:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON closed the hearing on HB 578.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.



REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman



MARJORIE PETERSON, Secretary

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