

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Dick Knox, on March 10, 1997, at 3:00 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: none

Members Absent: none

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 377, SB 332
Executive Action: SB 108 DO CONCUR AS AMENDED
(18-0), SB 175 DO CONCUR AS
AMENDED (18-0), SB 223 DO
CONCUR AS AMENDED (18-0)

Rep. Knox handed out information from Fritz Daly about the Berkeley Pitt marked as **Exhibit #1.**

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: Exhibit #1.}

HEARING ON SB 377

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Lorents Grosfield, SD #13
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.6; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Denise Mills, Remediation Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, submitted Exhibit #2
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.2; Comments: Exhibit #2.}

Page Dringman, participated in the process as a potentially liable party caucus member, submitted Exhibit #3
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.5; Comments: Exhibit #3.}

Anne Hedges, participated in the process for the Public Interest and Environmental Caucus
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 26.3; Comments: none.}
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Peter Nielsen, Acting Environmental Director for the Missoula City Council Health Department submitted Exhibit #4
{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: Exhibit #4.}

John Davis, attorney, represented a member for industry caucus
{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 1.3; Comments: none.}

Angela Janacaro, MT Mining Association
{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 4.0; Comments: none.}

Steve Pilcher, Western Environmental Trade Association
{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: none.}

Opponents' Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 5.5; Comments: none.}

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{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Grosfield closed and submitted Exhibit #5
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: Exhibit #5.}

HEARING ON SB 332

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Ken Miller, SD #11

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.6; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jan Sensibaugh, Department of Environmental Quality submitted Exhibit #6

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 13.9; Comments: Exhibit #6.}

Brad Griffin, Tire Retailers of the State

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.8; Comments: none.}

Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.8; Comments: none.}

Opponents' Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.5; Comments: none.}

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{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: none.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Miller closed

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 7.8; Comments: none.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108

Motion: Rep. Trexler moved DO CONCUR

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 14.8; Comments: none.}

Amendments: sb010801.akw submitted and moved by Rep. Trexler

Discussion: Rep. Orr asked if the water users had been asked their opinion regarding the amendment. Rep. Trexler said yes, and their opinion was that the phrase "in whole or" made no difference.

Motion/Vote: Question on the amendment, (18-0) passed unanimously

Discussion: Rep. Beaudry asked what happened to Jan Rehberg's amendment. Rep. Harper addressed the question.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 18.6; Comments: none.}

Vote: voice vote, DO CONCUR as AMENDED (18-0), Rep. Ohs will carry this on the House floor

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 175

Motion: Rep. Harper, DO CONCUR
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 23.6; Comments: none.}

Discussion: Rep. Story will carry this on the floor

Motion/Vote: voice vote, unanimously (18-0) DO CONCUR

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 223

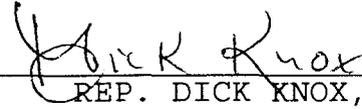
Motion: Rep. Ellingson; DO CONCUR
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 25.8; Comments: none.}

Discussion: Rep. Harper
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: none.}

Motion/Vote: voice vote, unanimously (18-0) DO CONCUR Rep. Holland will carry the Bill on the floor

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 p.m.



REP. DICK KNOX, Chairman



STEPHANIE BRAUN, Secretary

DK/SB