

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on March 12, 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 5, HB 14, HB 500
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, HD 95, Malta, opened the hearing on HB 5, An act appropriating money for capital projects for the biennium ending June 30, 1999. **REP. BERGSAGEL** submitted the grey bill for HB 5 which was dealt with in Long-Range Planning Subcommittee. The grey bill shows the amendments that were adopted by the subcommittee. **REP. BERGSAGEL** also submitted a list of projects

and funding by agency. The list incorporates HB 5 and HB 14 together. **REP. BERGSAGEL** then gave an overview of the bill as heard in subcommittee along with the subcommittee's recommendations. **EXHIBITS 1, 2.**

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Proponents:

Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. BERGSAGEL closed the hearing on HB 5.

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HEARING ON HB 500

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB KEENAN, HD 75, Bigfork, opened the hearing on HB 500, An act prohibiting government entities from competing with private enterprise, providing definitions and exceptions, providing for restraint of government entity actions in competition with private enterprise unless specifically authorized by statute.

REP. KEENAN gave an overview of this bill since it had already been heard in Business and Labor Committee. **REP. KEENAN** submitted the grey bill, which included the amendments that were adopted in the Business and Labor Committee, and a copy of an article from Washington Alert: A Congressional Quarterly, which dealt with the "Freedom From Government Competition Act of 1997." **EXHIBITS 3, 4.**

[This hearing took informational, proponent, and opponent testimony simultaneously.]

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Proponents:

Alan Newell, Business owner, Missoula.

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Regina Cromer, Mapping and Surveying Company, Clancy. Ms. Cromer submitted her written testimony, along with a brochure on Global Positioning System Laboratory and Geographic Information and Analysis Center. **EXHIBITS 5, 6, 7.**

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Informational and Opponents:

Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena. Mr. Crofts submitted a list of services and products offered by the

Montana University System Campuses. **EXHIBIT 8.**
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Mike Malone, President, Montana State University, Bozeman. Mr. Malone submitted a letter to Representative Bruce Simon, dated February 14, 1997, giving some of his comments on HB 500.

EXHIBIT 9.
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Proponents:

David Owen, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Helena.
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Opponents:

Dave Lewis, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Governor's Office, Helena.
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George Dennison, President, University of Montana, Missoula.
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Proponents:

George Oschenski, Helena.
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Opponents:

Bob Briggan, University of Montana.
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Proponents:

Brad Griffin, Montana Retailers Association.
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Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. KEENAN closed the hearing on HB 500.
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HEARING ON HB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON, HD 10, Billings, opened the hearing on HB 14, An act authorizing the creation of state debt through the issuance of general obligation bonds, appropriating the proceeds of the bonds for capital projects for the biennium ending June 30, 1999. REP. JOHNSON submitted the grey bill for HB 14 which was dealt with in Long-Range Planning Subcommittee. The grey bill shows the amendments that were adopted by the subcommittee. REP. BERGSAGEL submitted a list of projects and funding by agency in his opening of HB 5 and this list incorporates HB 5 and HB 14. REP. JOHNSON then gave an overview of the bill as heard in

subcommittee along with the subcommittee's recommendations.

EXHIBIT 10.

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Proponents:

SPEAKER JOHN MERCER, HD 74, Polson. SPEAKER MERCER discussed the renovation of the Capitol Building.

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Rick Day, Director, Department of Corrections, Helena.

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Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena.

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

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Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. JOHNSON closed the hearing on HB 14.

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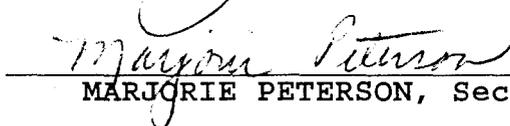
[Note: After the hearing, Alan Newell submitted his written testimony in support of HB 500. **EXHIBIT 11**].

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:20 p.m.



REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman



MARJORIE PETERSON, Secretary

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