

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on March 20, 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. William R. Wiseman (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Vick (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Marjorie Peterson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 312, SB 84, SB 187,
SB 208, SB 310
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 312

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. SONNY HANSON, HD 9, Billings, opened the hearing on HB 312, An act transferring to the state treasurer certain functions of the state auditor concerning federal land payments; revising the allocation of certain federal land payments between county road funds and school funds. **REP. HANSON** submitted a memo explaining

HB 312, a table of interest revenues in county funds, and a table showing the PILT summary. **EXHIBITS 1, 2, 3.**

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Proponents:

Kathy Fabiano, Office of Public Instruction, Helena.

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Opponents:

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties. Mr. Morris submitted letters in opposition to HB 312. **EXHIBIT 4.**

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Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association, Helena. Mr. Waldron submitted a memo on behalf of the county superintendents of schools. **EXHIBIT 5.**

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Larry Dolezal, Lincoln County Commissioner, Libby. Mr. Dolezal submitted a chart showing the effects of HB 312 on Lincoln County, a sheet showing some possible impacts of HB 312, his written testimony, a letter from Eureka Public Schools, a letter from Troy Public Schools, and a sheet showing the summary of other county effects of HB 312. **EXHIBITS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.**

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Mike Murray, Lewis & Clark County Commissioner, Helena.

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Horace Brown, Missoula County Surveyor.

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Don Allen, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Granite and Powell Counties.

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Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. HANSON closed the hearing on HB 312.

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HEARING ON SB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JERGSON, SD 46, Chinook, opened the hearing on SB 84, An act requiring the board of regents, upon appropriation of funds, to provide financial assistance to resident nonbeneficiary students attending tribally-controlled community colleges in Montana, providing requirements for receipt of money, providing for reversion of unspent funds to the general fund.

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Proponents:

SPEAKER JOHN MERCER, HD 74, Polson.

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REP. GEORGE HEAVY RUNNER, HD 85, Browning.

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Joe McDonald, Flathead Community College, Pablo.

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Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena.

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Bob Rehbein, student, Pablo.

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Jaymee Bick, student, Pablo.

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Kathie Maiers, student, Polson.

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Paula McCoy, student, Kalispell.

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Karen Kelly, Pablo.

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Zack Marshall, student, Pablo.

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Bob Fouty, Director of Student Services, Salish & Kootenai College, Pablo. Mr. Fouty submitted a fact sheet on tribal colleges and information on non-beneficiary students.

EXHIBITS 12, 13.

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Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. JERGESON closed the hearing on SB 84.

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HEARING ON SB 187Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BRUCE CRIPPEN, SD 10, Billings, opened the hearing on SB 187, An act removing the conflict between article X, section 10, of the Montana constitution and statutory law by authorizing the Montana university system to retain investment earnings on all university funds.

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Proponents:

Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena. Mr. Crofts submitted a summary of SB 187 and a sheet showing the disposition of interest on university funds under current and proposed law. EXHIBITS 14, 15.

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Bob Brigham, University of Montana student, Missoula.

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Jeremy Fritz, Montana State University student, Bozeman.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. CRIPPEN closed the hearing on SB 187.

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HEARING ON SB 208

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. SHARON ESTRADA, SD 7, Billings, opened the hearing on SB 208, An act creating a problem and pathological gambling treatment and problem gambling prevention program, requiring the department of public health and human services to develop, implement, and administer the program, providing for services to be provided by the program.

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Proponents:

Darryl Bruno, Administer, Treatment and Prevention Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services, Helena. Mr. Bruno submitted his written testimony. EXHIBIT 16.

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Robert Torres, Montana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

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Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association, Helena.

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Ellen Engsted, Don't Gamble With the Future Association. Ms. Engsted submitted her written testimony and written testimony for Julie Ippolito. EXHIBITS 17, 18.

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Larry Akey, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association.
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Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference, Helena.
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Paul Kleffner, East Helena.
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REP. KARL OHS, HD 33, Harrison.
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Pat Melby, Attorney. Mr. Melby offered written testimony from Rimrock Foundation. EXHIBIT 19.
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Mary McCue, Montana Clinical Mental Health Association.
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Kathy McGowan, Montana Addiction Services Provider, Helena.
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Jerry Driscoll, Montana Independent Machine Operators Association.
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Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches, Helena.
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Dave Brown, Executive Director, Machine Operators Association.
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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. ESTRADA closed the hearing on SB 208.
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HEARING ON SB 310

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD, SD 13, Big Timber, opened the hearing on SB 310, An act providing an alternative fair market security assurance for renewable resource loans to water users associations, increasing the dollar amount for certain loans, authorizing the department of natural resources and conservation to attach additional property to secure loans, providing that loan funds may not be used for project operation and maintenance.
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Proponents:

Larry Jordan, Paradise Water Users Association.
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Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association.
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Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation and Resource Development
Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation,
Helena.
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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

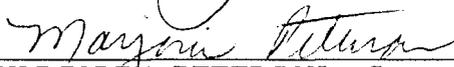
SEN. GROSFIELD closed the hearing on SB 310.
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 p.m.



REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman



MARJORIE PETERSON, Secretary

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