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The House Natural Resources Committee convened with Chairman Sheldon presiding in Room 3 of the Capital Annex at 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 15, 1979. Sixteen members were present (absent were Representatives Iverson and Nathe and excused was Rep. Burnett).

Chairman Sheldon opened the meeting to executive action on HB 44.

Rep. Fagg moved that the bill do pass. Rep. Cooney seconded this motion.

Rep. Metcalf said the Montana Association of Counties had presented two amendments at the previous hearing on the bill. He questioned whether the one on page 7 might be a necessary amendment. Rep. Huennekens didn't feel the amendment was needed. Chairman Sheldon asked the researcher, Debbie Schmidt, to comment.

Ms. Schmidt said SB 401 of the past session gave counties the authority to develop building codes. This bill she said does not give them any additional authority but just clarifies the authority that they are given as the former bill didn't amend all the necessary sections.

Rep. Scully questioned the language on page 4, line 14. Ms. Schmidt said this section deals with the applicability of building codes and that this was the main section that needed clarification. Outside municipalities could only apply their codes to public buildings and not to single family residences. In a county that has not adopted their own building codes the state building code only applies to public buildings.

Rep. Metcalf called for the question.

Chairman Sheldon called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously (except for those absent). HB 44 receives a DO PASS.

Rep. Cooney made a motion to have the bill put on the consent calendar since it passed unanimously. After discussion by the other members it was felt at this time the regular procedure would be better. Rep. Cooney withdrew his motion.

Motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



ARTHUR H. SHELDEN, Chairman

Emelia Satre, Secretary