

April 10, 1979

Chairman Brand called the hearing to order at 10:00 a.m., roll call revealed that Rep.'s O'Connell, Pistoria, Azzara, McBride, Fede, and Smith were absent.

HJR 68-Sponsored by Rep. Bardonouve -- I feel this is a serious and important resolution. It is to honor Mrs. Isabel Haynes for the donation of a collection we could not buy nor put a price on. This collection goes all the way back to the last days of General Custer. It was such a huge collection of artifacts that the museum hasn't even been able to catalog it, and there's still a huge warehouse in Bozeman. These people were under great pressure to donate this out of state. Minnesota wanted it and so did Wyoming -- in fact, they were willing to pay large sums of money for it -- but Mrs. Haynes wanted to give it to Montana. I talked to the man at the museum and he said there's no way of putting a value on it but the figure of \$7 million has been referred to. There are quite a few original paintings, each of which could bring \$40-50 thousand - so you can imagine what the whole collection would be worth. One of the finest collections of cameras in the country, Indian clothes, tools, equipment -- you just can't imagine. There's not really anything Montana can do for this lady -- she is elderly, a widow -- but I thought that a resolution showing the appreciation of the people of Montana would be a nice gesture. I'm sure she doesn't have many concerns -- the family money has largely been given for education and this would just show a bit of appreciation.

WALTER SALES-Representative from Gallatin County -- Isabel is about 78 -- a tough little gal -- she has been very close to my family. The Haynes family had one of the three franchises in Yellowstone Park and had the photography shops and were there from before it was a park. This collection shows a complete history of the park as well as a thorough history of Montana. The University in Minnesota really wanted it and the museum in Cody wanted it and it is a very valuable gift. She went through and catalogued everything, made notes about where it came from and the history. There's a marvelous collection of books that Carroll College and the university system have received over the years. I'm pleased that Francis had the foresight to prepare this resolution and this Sunday when she comes out for Easter, I thought I would put some of these around for placemats because I'm not sure she even knows this is going on.

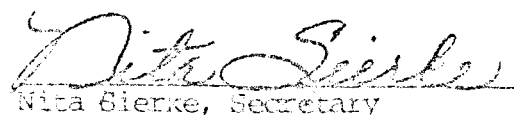
NO OPPONENTS

MAGONE-What about a scroll or something? BARDANOUVE-I think you read my mind, but I wanted to see if it would pass. What about a Joint Session for just a few minutes and have Mrs. Haynes up here to thank her and that would only take a few minutes maybe the Governor could come up. Whatever we do, it would be insignificant to what she has done.

STAIGMILLER moved DO PASS, which carried unanimously.

Adjourned: 10:20 a.m.

  
Joe Brand, Chairman

  
Rita Sierke, Secretary