MINUTES OF THE MEETING NATURAL RESOURCES STATE SENATE

February 12, 1979

The ninth meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Senator George F. Roskie, Chairman, at 12:40 P.M., on the above date in Room 405 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll call all members were present with the exception of Senators Etchart, Lockrem, Story and Thiessen. Senator Story arrived during the consideration of SB 246.

Mr. Jim Lear, Staff Attorney from the Legislative Council, was also present. See attached visitors' register for the names of visitors present.

CONSIDERATION OF HJR 12: "A joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana urging that the Northern Tier Pipeline be approved by necessary state and federal jurisdictions."

Chairman Roskie called on Representative Carl Seifert, District 26, to present HJR 12 to the Committee. Representative Seifert submitted his remarks in written form after his presentation to the Committee (see attachment).

Chairman Roskie called for any other proponents to HJR 12. Mr. Don Allen, Montana Petroleum Association, stated he wished to go on record as supporting HJR 12. He said he felt HJR 12 was necessary as far as clearing the way for the pipeline to be built.

Mr. Ward Shanahan, Attorney for the Northern Tier Pipeline, said he was present on an information basis to answer any questions the Committee might have.

Ms. Janelle Fallan, Montana Chamber of Commerce, stated she wished to go on record as supporting HJR 12.

Senator Lowe also spoke in support of HJR 12 and stated that we must look to some solution to our total energy problem and feels the Northern Tier Pipeline is very important and timely.

Mr. Allen Williams, Montana AFL-CIO also spoke in support of HJR 12 and submitted a written testimony (see attachment). Mr. Sam Silverthorn, Montana State Building Trades, also spoke in favor of HJR 12. Senator Goodover, District 22, also spoke in behalf of HJR 12.

Chairman Roskie then called for any opponents to HJR 12 and, hearing none, opened the hearing to questions from the Committee. Several questions were directed to Mr. Shanahan regarding the present status of the Northern Tier Pipeline, how it will be

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paid for, and the fact that the pipeline has been given the right of eminant domain.

DISPOSITION OF HJR 12: Senator Lowe moved that HJR 12 BE CON-CURRED IN and Senator Dover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with those present and Senator Etchart had previously registered a yes vote on HJR 12.

CONSIDERATION OF SB 246: "An act to change the composition of the Environmental Quality Council and rename it the Legislative Environmental Council; amending sections 5-16-101, 5-16-102, 5-16-104, 75-1-102, 75-1-201, 75-1-301, 75-10-111, and 75-20-501, MCA."

Chairman Roskie called on Senator Tom Hager, District 30, to present SB 246 to the Committee. Senator Hager explained to the Committee that SB 246 would remove the Governor or his designated representative as well as the public members from the Environmental Quality Council in an attempt to add credibility to the Council. It would also change the name to Legislative Environmental Council in an attempt to get a name that cannot be copied by someone else.

Chairman Roskie called for any other proponents to SB 246. There being no other proponents, Chairman Roskie called for any opponents to SB 246. Ms. Joy Bruck, League of Women Voters, spoke in opposition to SB 246 and submitted a written statement (see attachment).

Mr. Frank Dunkle, representing himself, pointed out that he is a member of the Environmental Quality Council and feels there is a need for the public to be represented as they add a great deal to the working operation of the Council. He said he would support the name change but not doing away with the citizen members.

With no other opponents, Senator Hager closed by saying he would leave the decision of whether or not to remove the citizen members from the Council up to the Committee. He pointed out, however, that anyone has the right to express an opinion at any of the Council meetings.

Chairman Roskie then opened the hearing to questions from the Committee. There were several questions regarding the history of the Environmental Quality Council and what they have done in the past. Chairman Roskie responded to the questions by saying that the Environmental Quality Council does not draft bills, but basically reviews legislation and advises legislators on environmental involvement as well as monitoring the implementation and enforcement of laws. They may also suggest areas where there may be a need. Chairmam Roskie also summarized some of the activities of the Council over the last biennium.

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Senator Jergeson asked if the bill should provide for an effective date, and it was agreed that it should. Senator Brown moved that SB 246 be amended by adding a Section 9 to state that "this act is effective on its passage and approval" and also amend the Title on page 1, line 8, by adding "and providing an immediate effective date." The motion was seconded by Senator Dover. The motion passed unanimously with those present. (Senator Story arrived shortly before the vote was taken).

Senator Lowe asked why it was necessary to take the public members off. Senator Brown answered by saying the legislature has not embraced the recommendations of the Environmental Quality Council because of the private citizens being on the Committee.

Senator Dover moved to amend SB 246 to only change the name of the Environmental Quality Council and leave the public members and Governor's representative on the Council. Senator Manley seconded the motion.

Chairman Roskie called on Senator Gordon McGowen for his opinion about the public members on the Council. Senator McGowen said that the public's right to know is the reason for having lay people on the Council, but they do not understand what it takes to get a bill through the legislature.

Chairman Roskie then called for a roll call vote on Senator Dover's motion to amend SB 246. The motion failed (see attachment).

DISPOSITION OF SB 246: Senator Brown moved that SB 246 receive a DO PASS as Amended recommendation. Chairman Roskie called for a roll call vote. The motion carried (see attachment).

Chairman Roskie then called on Senator Dover to explain the subcommittee's recommendations on SB 44. Senator Dover presented some proposed amendments to the Committee (see attachment).

Senator Jergeson asked if SB 44 could be amended as proposed by the subcommittee or should it be a committee bill, and there was some discussion on which would be the best way to handle the bill.

Senator Dover called on Mr. Jim Richards, Planning Division of DCA, and he suggested there may possibly be a need for a provision on eminant domain. Mr. Cliff Christian, Montana Association of Realtors, said he was in agreement with the changes proposed by the subcommittee but did not see the need for any provision on eminant domain.

Senator Manley moved that SB 44 be made a committee bill and Senator Dover seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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There was some discussion on whether or not SB 44 should have a hearing first. Senator Brown moved to reconsider the motion on making SB 44 a committee bill and post SB 44 for hearing instead. Senator Dover seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Roskie then presented a bill to the Committee which he had sponsored during the 45th Legislature. He said there had been an opposing bill in the House at that time so the bill never made it through. He told the Committee he would make copies available to them of the introduced bill for them to look over. Chairman Roskie said he would like the Committee to consider entering the bill this year as a committee bill. He said he would schedule a meeting for later in the week to vote on whether or not the Committee would support introducing SB 302 of the 45th Legislature as a committee bill.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

SEMATOR GEORGE F. ROSKIE, CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

Natural Resources COMMITTEE

46th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - 1979

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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George F. Roskie Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MR President			
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Respectfully report as follows: That Senate
introduced bill, be amended as follows:

Bill No. 245

1. Title, line 3. Pollowing: "MCA"

Insert: "; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

2. Page 8.

Following: line 23

Insert: "Section 9. Effective date. This act is effective on its passage and approval.

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George F. Roskie Chairman.

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(include enough information on motion—put with yellow copy of committee report.)

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#### BIONTANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REP. CARL A. SEIFERT
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JANUARY 29, 1979

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

FOR THE RECORD, I AM CARL SEIFERT, REPRESENTING DISTRICT 26 AND PRESENTING TO YOU THIS MORNING, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12.

HJR 12 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE SENATE URGING THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES TO DECLARE THAT IS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CRUDE OIL PIPELINE FROM AN AREA IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST TO THE NORTHERN TIER STATES OF WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO, MONTANA, NORTH DAKOTA, MINNESOTA, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN, ILLINOIS, INDIANA AND OHIO.

I FEEL THAT IN VIEW OF THE SHUTDOWN OF OIL PRODUCTION IN IRAN AND ACTIONS OF THE OPEC NATIONS IN RAISING WORLD OIL PRICES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO MORE TO HELP DEVELOP OUR OWN DOMESTIC ENERGY SOURCES. TODAY OUR CRUDE OIL REFINERIES IN THE NORTHERN TIER STATES ARE AT A CRITICAL NEED FOR FURTHER SUPPLIES OF CRUDE OIL IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN TIER STATES, AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE USE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THESE STATES.

Another factor that I feel is quite important is that Canadian and foreign developments have disrupted and reduced supplies of such crude oil.

On November 16, 1973 Public Law 93-154 was passed by the United States Congress in which Congress declares that the

THAT THE CRUDE OIL ON THE NORTH SLOPE OF ALASKA IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE NATION'S OIL RESOURCES AND THAT THE BENEFITS OF SUCH CRUDE OIL SHOULD BE EQUITABLY SHARED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY ALL REGIONS OF OUR COUNTRY Jurge too, Suffer For

I AM HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE BECAUSE IT WOULD BENEFIT THE REFINERIES FACING THE CRUDE OIL SUPPLY PROBLEMS IN THE NORTHERN TIER STATES ALONG THE CANADIAN BORDER.

THE LARGE PROJECTS EXTENDS APPROXIMATELY 1,500 MILES FROM THE WASHINGTON COAST EASTERLY.

OF REFINED PRODUCTS WOULD BENEFIT ECONOMICALLY FROM THE LINE

TO THE DEGREE THE PIPELINE CAN PROVIDE AN IMPROVED DELIVERY SYSTEM

FOR ALASKAN CRUDE OIL.

THE MAJOR DIRECT BENEFITS RESULTING FROM CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PIPELINE SYSTEM WOULD BE ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WOULD GENERALLY BE MINOR.

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CONTENDERS TO TRY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME GOALS AS THE NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE PROPSOAL. HOWEVER, IN MY REVIEW AND WITH OTHER INFORMATION I HAVE AVAILABLE I FEEL THAT THE NORTHERN TIER IS THE MOST LOGICAL PIPELINE TO PROMOTE.

Some of the other contenders in the past - and some of them are still working to promote - are the Alaska-Edmonton (Foothills) pipeline proposed by the Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. of Calgary. This pipeline would tap in at Fairbanks, following the

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THE ALCAN HIGHWAY EITHER TO EDMONTON, ALBERTA OR TO THE CANADIAN INTERPOVINCIAL PIPELINE AT KEG RIVER, ALBERTA.

One other contender would be the Kitimat-Edmonton pipeline proposed by Kitmat Pipeline Ltd. which would carry oil from the seabort of Kitimat, British Columbia to the Interprovincial Pipeline at Edmonton.

AGAIN I WILL MENTION THAT BOTH FOOTHILLS AND KITIMAT ARE COMPETING WITH NORTHERN TIER FOR FEDERAL PERMIT TO BUILD A PIPELINE THAT WOULD SERVE THE NORTHERN TIER STATES.

I FEEL THAT WE WOULD HAVE BETTER CONTROL AND, OVER THE LONG RUN OF TIME THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A PIPELINE LOCATED WITHIN OUR UNITED STATES SO THAT WE CAN HAVE SOLE DEPENDENCY OF ITS USE IF NECESSARY.

One other pipeline that is being proposed is the SOHIO TRANSPORTATION CO. PIPELINE FROM LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA TO MIDLAN, Texas. However, they are not in direct competition with the other pipeline contenders.

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CLOSING REMARKS: In closing I would only say that since I have had this resolution drafted, I have had reports that both Congressman Marlenee and Senator Caucas have both endorsed the proposal that is in front of you today.

Schlesines Letter 30 Signatures JAMES W. MURRY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ZIP CODE 59601

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TESTIMONY OF AL WILLIAMS, REPRESENTING MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO, ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12 (NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE) BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, FEBRUARY 12, 1979

I'M AL WILLIAMS, REPRESENTING THE MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO, AND I APPEAR BEFORE
THIS COMMITTEE IN THEIR BEHALF ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12.

ON JANUARY 29, I PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY CUMMITTEE COPIES OF TESTIMONY WHICH JAMES MURRY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO GAVE TO SENATOR JOHN MELCHER AT A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE MISSOULA COUNTY COURTHOUSE LAST NOVEMBER.

IN THAT TESTIMONY, WHICH I AM ALSO PREPARED TO GIVE THE MEMBERS OF THIS SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, MR. MURRY SUPPORTED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE.

THE MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO IN ITS 1978 HELENA CONVENTION UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED BY RESOLUTION THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE. IN THAT TESTIMONY GIVEN TO SENATOR MELCHER, MR. MURRY EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT-RELATED BOOM WHICH MONTANANS WOULD LOSE IF THIS IMPORTANT FLOW OF ALASKAN OIL WAS NOT SENT THE MOST ECONOMICAL WAY INTO THE NORTHWEST.

MR. MURRY IN NOVEMBER OUTLINED THE MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO POSITION AND SENT A COPY OF ITS CONVENTION RESOLUTION IN A LETTER TO U.S. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR CECIL ANDRUS.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THE MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO HAS WORKED HARD TO SUPPORT A

BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN A HEALTHY ECONOMY AND A SAFE AND HEALTHFUL ENVIRONMENT, IN A STATE THAT CAN ALREADY BOAST ONE OF THE BEST RECLAMATION LAWS IN THE COUNTRY.

I AM PROUD TO BE HERE TO SAY THESE THINGS TO THIS COMMITTEE, IN BEHALF OF THE MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO EXTEND TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE A COPY OF THE TESTIMONY DELIVERED BY MR. MURRY ON NOVEMBER 29, 1978, TO SENATOR MELCHER, ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE MONTANA STATE AFL-CIO CONVENTION RESOLUTION ON THE NORTHERN TIER PIPELINE.



JAMES W. MURHY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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TESTINGAY OF JAMES W. MUPRY, EMECUTIVE SECRETARY, MOSTAGE STATE AFI-CIO, AT ECRIMENS TIER PIPELINE SEARING SEFCRE SEDATOR RELIGIER, NOWINGER 29, 1978, MISSIGNA COUNTY CONTROLS

Last summer, at our convention held in Eelena, the Montane State AVI-CIO passed a resolution supporting the construction of the Northern Tier Pipeline — a system that is expected to send Alaskan oil to refineries across the northern tier of states from ports in Washington, through refineries in the Eillings erea, and on into the Midwest, instead of being shipped as it is now, all the way around Worth America and subjected to international tariffs.

A copy of our resolution is enclosed with the written copy of my testimozy.

Last week, we wrote to Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andres expressing our support in the construction of the Morthern Tier Pipeline. In that letter, we told Secretary Andres of the secretaric tailspin Montenans could face if the Morthern Tier Pipeline is not built --- and built soon.

We have always worked hard to support a clean and healthful environment, and a clean and healthful job environment.

We support the construction of the Northern Tier Pipeline with the understanding that it will be built in strict conformance to the federal and state environmental regulations and safeguards we have worked to support.

I should let you know that I do not advocate dependency on fossil frees and the questionable tection of some oil industrialists, any more than I can expect evernight switch-owns to alternative energy sources that so far have shown to be expensive and uneconomical to produce in enough quantities for everyone to use.

I know that a ringle pebble, thrown into a nighty ecological pond, can send its ripples to the farther shows and back again. So it is the news with the energy bookloggle Montanana face in this decade, whether or not the Monthern Tier Pipeline is built.

The "ripples" will eventually touch all of us.

Canada has encounced it will terminate shipments of oil to the U.S. by 1982. This means limiteness sust look to other sources for its energy needs.

Recent passage of Initiative 60 by Montana voters has served to strengthen Montana's dependency on fessil fusis. But the snail's pace development of alternative energy sources as evidenced by President Carter's national energy policy, compled with the "voluntary" inflation controls through tages, could such Montana Gorn the quicksand path to recession.

Let me turn to some facts put out by a recent engineering study --- facts that have "ripples" in them. I don't want to sound like I am a mouthpiece for industrial development, but if the Northern Tier Pipeline is not built by 1985, and if the Montana consumer still is as reliant on fossil fuels as before, a shortfall of 500,000 barrels of crude oil daily will result in across-the-board price increases on all goods.

Ecusing, transportation, agriculture, investments --- all will be affected by this deficit of fuel.

If not replenished, the shortfall could cause severe cuts in crude oil allowances. This means there will be long lines at gasoline pumps for gasoline sold at extortionate prices; causing further nisery for the aged and low-income people already burdened with high rates. It will cause heating oil shortages for our furnaces, job shortages; it will make Montana even more relient on foreign oil.

This crude oil shortfall is not just a convenient statistic drussed up by industrial strong-arms itching to punch-cut environmentalists. The shortfall of crude oil will impact the jobs of Montanans.

In our letter to Secretary Andrus, we warned him of the loss of present and potential jobs for refinery and pipeline workers. If the Northern Tier Pipelina is not built, during the construction phase alone throughout the Northeast, over 4,000 new jobs will be lost, and over \$183 million in economy-boosting wages --economic benefits that would be shared by all Montanans through property tax revenues. In mentana alone, over \$394 million would be added to the tax base in the counties through which the pipeline would pass.

Because alternative energy sources are slow to be developed on a national scale, or not developed at all, or if we all wait and see how many barrels of oil really exist in Alaska, Montana consumers will be relying more and more on a rapidly depleting fossil fuels which cost more and more to find, more and more to consume.

If an already-available source of energy from Alaska ceases to flow while we do not develop alternative energy sources, the tragic downward spin of the buying power of Montana earnings can only be compounded.

Cutting back mandatorily on fossil fuel consumption will not remediate fossil fuel dependency.

If we workers and citizens of Montana are true to the rugged beauty and quality of life we treasure in Montana, we must all, then, become conservationists. We need to but heads together and find a way to conserve the natural beauty of Montana through careful planning --- now --- through thoughtful land-use management of pipeline corridors.

Montanana have always been conservationists at heart. We have had to be. But I believe it is possible for everyone --- workers, industrialists, conservationists --- to work together to simultaneously create wilderness and recreation resources, ensure ecological balances, and provide energy and energy-related jobs for hundreds of Montanans and their families.

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Since Canada will cut off shipments of crude oil to the U.S. by 1982, and since we witness no end to fossil-fuel dependency —— let us be conservationists then, by guaranteeing to our children an economical flow of oil through a system designed to practice economical conservation without marring our land or ourselves.

Canadian transportation costs and pipeline tariffs have cost American taxpayers dearly, so let us practice economical conservation by constructing a system that will transport American oil for use by Americans, without tearing away the immense beauty of our land, and which will ensure power to Montana, create new jobs and maintain old ones.

But the biggest advantage for constructing the Eorthern Tier Pipeline, is that it would provide Montana with a foreign embargo-proof supply of energy for generations, who, like our own children, will emplore new sources of energy, and teach their children to be conservationists.

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of organized labor in Montana to obtain and retain as many jobs as possible; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. as well as the Morthern Tier States need an embargo-proof caude oil supply system for Alaskan crude; and

WHEREAS, the government of Canada will effectively stop its oil exports to the State of Montana in 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Morthern Tier Pipeline will preserve the present 2,700 refinery jobs and provide approximately 2,000 construction jobs in Montana; and

WHEREAS, this all-American route will utilize American labor and construction material, increase the tax base and reduce the balance of payments Caficit for foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, this pipeline will be built under strict environmental controls to preserve the beauty of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 22nd Annual Convention of the Montana State AFL-CIO support construction of the so-called Borthern Tier Pipeline.

Submitted by: Yellowstone Valley Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

CONVENTION VOTED CONCURRENCE



SB 246

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The League of Women Voters of Montana has always been a strong advocate of citizen participation, and the value of citizen input. It has been a bright spot having citizens appointed to a legislative committee involved in an area which affects us all - the environmental quality of our state. We realize that citizens may offer their opinions to committees, boards, etc., and may voice their concerns to their legislators, but it is not the same as being directly involved in the decision—making process.

We believe persons serving on the EQC should have a balanced concern when considering our environmental quality, and the diversity of the membership assures a broad perspective being maintained. We think the EQC would lose much if citizens are dropped as members.

Also, we believe the Governor should continue to have a representative on the committee.

This provides a means for him to be kept well informed of Montana's environmental situation.

The League of Women Voters of Montana opposes SB 246, and we hope this bill will be killed. The EQC, with its citizen members, must be allowed to continue it's effective work in the environmental area.

Joy Bruck League of Women Voters of Montana

#### Senate Bill 44

Amendments considered by Natural Resources Subcommittee February 2, 1979

- 1. Title, lines 7 and 8
   Strike: line 7 in its entirety and on line 8 "of existing
   parks;"
- 2. Title, line 8.
  Following: "MCA."
  Insert: "And Repealing 76-3-607, MCA."
- 3. Page 1, line 20, through page 2, line 19.
  Strike: all material on line 20, page 1, through line 19, page 2.
  - Insert: (1) "Within three months after the effective date of this act, each governing body shall specify in its local regulations an amount of cash, not to exceed \$250, to be assessed per lot in residential subdivisions for park and recreation purposes. The cash shall be placed in a park fund to be used exclusively for the purchase of additional lands or for development of parks and recreation areas."
    - (2) When the subdivision contains 50 or more lots, the subdivider and the governing body may enter into an agreement to defer, for a period of up to two years, payment of no more than seventy-five percent of the park and recreation assessment if the subdivider provides security for the deferred portion. The agreement shall specify the form and conditions of the security and the period of deferment and may specify terms for remittance of the deferred portion of the assessment through a series of partial payments."
    - (3) Upon written agreement between the subdivider and the governing body, land may be dedicated to the public for parks and recreation areas in lieu of all or part of the cash assessment when the dedication would enhance existing parks or recreation areas or comply with an adopted park plan or policy statement. The amount of land dedicated for parks and recreation areas shall be equivalent in value to the cash assessment based on the fair market value of the subdivided land."
    - (4) "In lieu of all or part of the cash assessment land may be deeded to a property owners' association for use as parks or recreation areas upon written agreement between the subdivider and the governing body. The amount of land deeded for parks and recreations areas shall be

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equivalent in value to the cash assessment based on the fair market value of the subdivided land. The agreement between the subdivider and the governing body shall include provision requiring written approval of the governing body before the property owners' association can convert the deeded land from its use as parks or recreation areas or convey title to the land."

(5) When land within a proposed subdivision is the subject of proceedings under the laws of eminent domain contained in Title 70, Chapter 30, the land shall be separated from the proposed plat and those proceedings shall not delay action on the remainder of the plat beyond the time limits specified in this chapter.

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING NATURAL RESOURCES MONTANA STATE SENATE

February 13, 1979

The tenth meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Senator George F. Roskie, Chairman, at 11:50 P.M., on the above date in Room 405 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: Upon roll call all members were present with the exception of Senators Brown, Jergeson, Lockrem, and Thiessen.

Chairman Roskie reminded the Committee that the proposed amendments to SB 44 submitted by the subcommittee would not be presented as a committee bill but that SB 44 was set for hearing on Friday, February 16, and the committee would consider amending the present bill at that time.

Senator Roskie then presented each member with copies of SB 302 from the 45th Legislature and asked them if they were agreeable to submitting the bill as a committee bill during this Legislature. Chairman Roskie summarized what the bill would do, and the Committee agreed to have it submitted as a committee bill.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

SENATOR GEORGE F. ROSKIE, CHAIRMAN

sun 10/10/14

#### ROLL CALL

## Natural Resources COMMITTEE

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NAME ROSKIE, George F., Chairman	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
DOVER, Harold L., Vice-Chairman	1/		
BROWN, Steve		i/	
ETCHART, Mark	V		
JERGESON, Greg		V	
LOCKREM, Lloyd C., Jr.		v	
LOWE, William R.	1/		
MANLEY, John E.	1/		
STORY, Pete	1/		
THIESSEN, Cornie R.		i	
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Each Day Attach to Minutes.