

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 11, 1983

The House Natural Resources Committee convened at 12:30 p.m., on April 11, 1983, in Room 224K of the State Capitol, with Chairman Hal Harper presiding and all members present except Reps. Fagg, Jensen, Neuman, Nordtvedt and Quilici. Chairman Harper opened the meeting to a hearing on HJR 39.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE BROWN, District 83, chief sponsor, said this resolution was introduced in an effort to try to remedy problem areas between the private sector and state agencies. He said the primary reason for the study is on page 4, lines 15-21: "to make recommendations for legislation that will enhance the development of energy facilities while fulfilling the environmental goals and ensuring the fairness, strength, and validity of the Montana Major Facility's Siting Act". He said the resolution was not offered in any way to gut the Act. He said we should try to take a fair and reasonable look at the Siting Act from the perspective of those that have to deal with it.

SENATOR DOROTHY ECK, District 39, said she had worked with Rep. Brown in drafting the bill. She said one of the bills that didn't get to the House as it was fortunately killed in the Senate dealt with amending the Facility Siting Act. She said she was disappointed in the hearing it received in the Senate Natural Resources Committee as it did raise a number of questions that needed serious consideration. She said they didn't go through them one by one and examine the changes proposed to determine if they addressed the real problem. She said they just voted it up or down - up in committee and down on third reading. She said because this Act is such a major piece of legislation for Montana, we should be sure it serves our purpose in the best way. She said we should also see whether all those facilities which should be covered under the Act are indeed covered. She said time and again we have some question about what should come under the Facility Siting Act - should it include only energy facilities or slurry pipelines also. Also the major question about the whole process - should "need" be considered for anything other than utilities regulated by the state. Or should "need" be considered whenever there is an indication the plant might not reflect the market need.

Senator Eck said if we do a study it needs to be a funded study. She said the Environmental Quality Council could perhaps, with limited funds, monitor what the DNRC is now doing in revising the rules, but if we want a study we need a good funding proposal to go with the resolution.

Senator Eck said, nonetheless, she supports the resolution. She said it is an issue that needs to be addressed. She said it should be addressed fairly continually in our state. She said she does

support the law as it has functioned in the past as it has and does serve us well. She said it took awhile to get the process worked out. She said the DNRC rules and their proposed changes will make it work more smoothly. But, despite this she said, there are a lot of arguments to make it narrower or broader and this is an appropriate time to address a study in this area.

DENNIS SANDBERG, Tenneco Coal Company, spoke in support and a copy of his testimony is Exhibit 1 of the minutes. This exhibit also includes a location map and proposed time table of the proposed facility.

GENE PHILLIPS, Pacific Power and Light, spoke in support. He said this would enable those that participated in the study to become more familiar with the Act. He said his experience in attempting to make changes in the Act is that there just isn't time to have people understand the problem.

JAMES D. MOCKLER, Coal Council, spoke in support. He said he does find some problems with the Act. He said the complexity and interlocking of a lot of the parts of the Act make it difficult for people to understand it. He said a relatively simple idea can become a very difficult problem. He said they don't fear going to the public or going to the legislature. He said the resolution will bring about a better understanding. He said it will be a good education for the legislators that will be involved with the Act.

WARD SHANAHAN, Meridian Land and Mineral Company, spoke in support. He said this company used to be called Circle West and he and the Company have lived with this piece of legislation for ten years. He said there are some things that need fixing and urged support of the resolution.

JANELLE FALLON, Montana Chamber of Commerce, said there has been a lot of talk about economic development and the needs in that area. She said if we are interested in economic development we should take a good hard look at the Facility Siting Act. She said the resolution would be a good place to start.

Opponents

MARC LEDBETTER, Northern Plains Resource Council, spoke in opposition and a copy of his testimony is Exhibit 2 of the minutes.

DON REED, Montana Environmental Information Center, spoke in opposition and a copy of his testimony is Exhibit 3 of the minutes.

REPRESENTATIVE BROWN closed. He said he would like to reiterate the need to review the various elements of the Act. He urged support of the bill.

Questions were asked by the committee.

Rep. Hand asked Ms. Fallan about her implied disappointment with the economic development. Ms. Fallan mentioned some serious problems with the investment tax credits. She said HB 684, sponsored by the Chairman, was a good bill, however. She said there has been a lot of talk concerning economic development but it is questionable how much will get done.

Rep. McBride asked about cost. Rep. Brown said the fiscal note has the study costing \$56,300. Rep. McBride asked if it might not be considerably higher - perhaps \$100,000 or more. Rep. Brown said he didn't think it would be that high.

Rep. Hand asked Senator Eck what was broken. Senator Eck said she didn't indicate that anything was broken. She said she is very satisfied with the Montana Facility Siting Act. She said she mentioned the possibility of including additional facilities under it. She said there are other facilities that could be built in our state that could have as great an impact on the state as those that are covered. She said should we determine the need whenever a major facility is planned in Montana. She said in the case of utilities we need to because it affects the base. Gasification facilities would not affect this but there would still be some impacts if it fails - all these things should be considered.

Rep. Hand asked Mr. Shanahan the same question. Mr. Shanahan said we need to work on the definition of need and to put in language to separate the nonutility from the utility. He said this was originally a utility bill but there has never been a proper separation. He said his company is going to sell fertilizer on the open market and shouldn't be covered by this Act. He said Montana coal is cheapest at the mine mouth and that is where they propose to market the coal. He said there are many technical difficulties for his company and he has appeared many times to try to straighten it out. He said a new approach is needed and that is why they support the resolution.

Rep. Ream said on page 3, line 24 with the words "preventing" and "necessity" you seem to be prejudging. Rep. Brown responded that a lot of times the question is raised as to whether you need to do as many studies on various terms and alternative sites. He said all this language does is point out that there are substantial expenses with that. Rep. Ream asked if he was saying that studies are unnecessary. Rep. Brown said some are obviously unnecessary.

Rep. Ream asked Mr. Leo Berry, Director of Natural Resources and Conservation Department, for a comment. Mr. Berry said they had had discussions with Tenneco. He said there are some changes that realistically could be made. He said there are areas that could stand to be looked at but he was concerned about the tenor of the language in some sections - as the one pointed out by Rep. Ream. He said it might be a good idea to look at the area that there are other facilities that should be included under this Act that aren't.

Rep. Curtiss asked why the rules have not been adopted yet. Mr. Berry said it is an extremely complex act and it takes a lot of time to make the necessary modifications. He said this past year they were going to bring the rules up-to-date and so put out a set of rules for comment. He said they had a series of meetings with industry and public interest groups. He said there were substantial disagreements which they attempted to pull together and redraft the rules. The decision was reached to wait until after the session to see if there would be any further changes. He said a major problem is finding the time as processing of the applications has the priority on their time. Rep. Curtiss asked if he foresees putting off redrafting if the resolution passes. Mr. Berry said they would probably continue with the redraft of the rules whatever happens with the resolution as otherwise there would be a further two year delay and that would not be wise.

Rep. Bergene asked Senator Eck what page 4, sub (f) means. Senator Eck said there has been a lot of movement and a couple of conferences on this. Environmental mediation is the idea that you get all the parties together early on and try to develop a kind of process where everyone is going to win instead of everyone is going to lose and it really works. She said she is really interested in this. She said people trained in environmental mediation work with individuals and small groups early on and try to iron out problems before they become too big to iron out.

Chairman Harper closed the hearing on this bill and opened the meeting to a hearing on HJR 40.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS STOBIE, District 23, chief sponsor, said this resolution is for an interim study addressing primarily the management and various problems associated with the state forest lands. He said he is not present to point out a lot of the faults with the present management as they have to operate within whatever budget is approved by the various appropriation committees. He said there is beginning to be a lot of new information developed primarily from different forest studies

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that private industries have for several years been using to develop better stands of timber. He said they have developed better methods of thinning and methods of harvesting timber that enhances the timber growth and productivity of the land. He said that one of the major thrusts of the study is to try to present information to the next legislature that would give that subcommittee various options in their appropriation of funds to the Forest Service so some of these plans could be carried out. He said the second long term object would be to return more money to the state by taking better care of the property.

Rep. Stobie said another subject that needs looking at is who is going to protect our forests from fire--the federal or state government. He said the federal government is jacking up the price for fire protection. He said he is a proponent of the state assuming the fire protector role as this way the state can draw for its labor pool first from Montana. He said the federal government draws from all over the United States. He said having the state in charge can provide a lot of summer jobs for students.

CLYDE SMITH, District 18, President of Montana Logging Association, said somewhere down the road there will be no more oil and coal and we will need all our renewable resources - like timber. He said we have not paid much attention to it and we should be beginning to pay it more attention so we can pass on to future generations a more abundant amount than we have today. He said we need to use more intensive forest practices.

KEITH OLSON, Ex. Sec., Montana Logging Assoc., spoke in support and a copy of his testimony is Exhibit 4 of the minutes.

DENNIS HEMMER, Commissioner, Department of State Lands, said he did feel they were doing a good job given their resources. He said the forest resources are a very valuable asset to Montana and can return a lot of money to the school trust fund. He said they are open to any suggestions they can get on management; and if it is the desire of the legislature to have a study, they will give it their full support. He asked that the study committee contain some members of their financial subcommittee. He mentioned the fire contract with the federal government has gone up from 16 cents to 66 cents an acre, which is a 1.1 million dollar increase in our cost.

ROBERT HELDING, Montana Wood Products Association, said they rise in support of the resolution. He said he has worked in the industry for some 30 years and has had dealings with the State Lands Department. He said he felt the department has done a tremendous job with the money they have been given to work with.

He said this resolution is timely and the industry stands ready to assist in any way it can in the study.

REPRESENTATIVE AUBYN CURTISS, District 20, said she would like to go on record as a proponent of the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE BOB REAM, District 93, spoke in support. He said some of the industries of the state like Champion have gone to the forefront in economic modeling. He said he sees it as an avenue we can follow to bring our state lands into the same kind of intensive management effort that is being used on some of the federal and private lands.

REPRESENTATIVE GLENN MUELLER, District 21, said he would like to be recorded as a proponent of the bill.

There were no opponents.

REPRESENTATIVE STOBIE closed. He said he didn't want to cast any disparity on the way the department has managed the land. He said people on the finance subcommittee dealing with the forest lands should be on this study committee so they would have some knowledge and expertise when the budget came up for review. He said there are several methods of handling the study, one of which would be to put in with the EQC. He said whatever would serve the purpose would be fine.

Questions were asked by the committee.

Rep. Bergene asked if the performance audit done on the State Lands a while back had covered some of the information being sought by the study. Rep. McBride said the specifics being sought by this study would not have been covered by this audit.

Chairman Harper closed the hearing on this bill and opened the meeting to an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 40 Rep. Mueller moved DO PASS. Rep. Brown said he would like to amend on page 2, line 9, following "managers" to insert ", the Department of State Lands, and other interested parties". He said this would clarify that we are not just talking about one segment. He said this is fairly standard for most studies. Rep. Ream said there are two outstanding faculty members at the U of M, Mr. McQuillan and Mr. Jackson, who have done work in the economics of this area and would this amendment include them. Rep. Brown said yes. The motion to accept the amendment carried unanimously with those present. Absent were Reps. Fagg, Quilici, Neuman, Nordtvedt, Jenson. Rep. Mueller included AND AS AMENDED DO PASS and the motion carried unanimously with those present.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39 Rep. Brown moved DO PASS.
Rep. Addy moved to amend on page 3, line 24, by striking "preventing" and inserting "minimizing"; and to strike "unnecessary" and to strike "major." Rep. Brown objected to striking "major" so Rep. Addy withdrew that part of his amendment. The question was called and this motion carried unanimously with all present (absent same as previous bill).

Rep. Ream asked about the fiscal note. Dennis Iverson said he felt the fiscal note was on the conservative side. He said many of the studies aren't too effective for the reason they are underfunded. He said he likes the study and if we don't properly fund it it won't work right. He said it would be wise to include the appropriation in the bill.

Rep. Ream expressed a concern that the resolution was too broad and could go off in a lot of different directions. He said he had some concerns in terms of the funding and what will be done. He asked if Rep. Iverson viewed this as looking at the legal avenue. Rep. Iverson said each one is a subject in itself. He said the need came up, too. He said he didn't think it was too broad and we should look at the whole thing.

Rep. Mueller asked if EQC didn't have a study of the Siting Act in 1979 and he said it was his understanding that at that time parties involved agreed there wasn't any basic change needed in the Act. Ms. Debbie Schmidt, EQC, said she was not aware of any study they did. She said she would check and see from the minutes.

Rep. Brown moved another amendment to add an appropriation of \$56,300 to the resolution, Mr. Carter to put it in the right place.

Rep. Addy moved a substitute motion to make it \$100,000. Rep. Iverson agreed that it might take the larger amount, but he said he can live with what is in the fiscal note and felt a good job could be done with that.

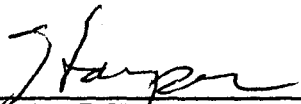
The question was called and a roll call vote taken. The motion carried on Rep. Addy's substitute motion with all voting for and absent were Reps. Bertelsen, Fagg, Jensen, McBride, Neuman, Nordtvedt and Quilici.

Rep. Brown included AND AS AMENDED in his motion of DO PASS. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed on a tie vote with 7 voting yes and 7 no (Reps. Harper, Ream, Bertelsen, McBride, Metcalf, Mueller and Veleber) and 5 absent. Reps. McBride and Bertelsen had left votes opposing the bill.

Rep. Ream moved to TABLE HJR 39. This motion carried with 11 voting yes, 3 no (Reps. Brown, Curtiss, Iverson), and 5 absent (Reps. Fagg, Jensen, Neuman, Nordtvedt and Quilici).

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



HAL HARPER, CHAIRMAN

Emelia A. Satre, Sec.

John Carter, Researcher, wrote up the amendment on including the appropriation in HJR 39 as follows:

Amend page 4.

Following: line 21

Insert: "Section 1. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the general fund to the Environmental Quality Council for the biennium ending June 30, 1985, \$100,000 for the purposes of carrying out the study required herein."

MEMORANDUM

TO: HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: JOHN CARTER

RE: HJRs 39 and 40

DATE: April 11, 1983

HJR 39 This resolution seeks to direct the Environmental
D. Brown Quality Council (EQC) to study the Major Facility
Siting Act and monitor the Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation's forthcoming revision
of the rules adopted for implementing the Act.

HJR 40 This resolution requests that an appropriate interim
Stobie committee be assigned the task of studying the
administration of state lands, in particular the
management of forest resources.

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STATEMENT OF DENNIS SANDBERG
IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

On January 21, 1983, many of you heard my explanation of the proposed gasification plant of Tenneco Coal Gasification Co. in Eastern Montana when I testified in support of HJR 2, Rep. Winslow's successful resolution for an interim study of the potential impacts to state and local government services associated with the Tenneco project.

Hopefully this resolution to study the Major Facility Siting Act will enjoy the same success.

Although one or two may be a reasonable estimate, perhaps as many as six synthetic fuel plants may begin construction in Eastern Montana and Western North Dakota between 1988 and 1998 so this resolution is timely.

Tenneco wants to be in a position to go forward with the procurement and construction phase of the Beach-Wibaux project in 1988. As indicated in the attached Project Schedule, to maintain that schedule, we need a siting act certificate from the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation by January 1, 1987.

The Major Facility Siting Act in Section 75-20-503, MCA, covers several areas but items 2-7, the environmental factors to be considered under the act are not at issue:

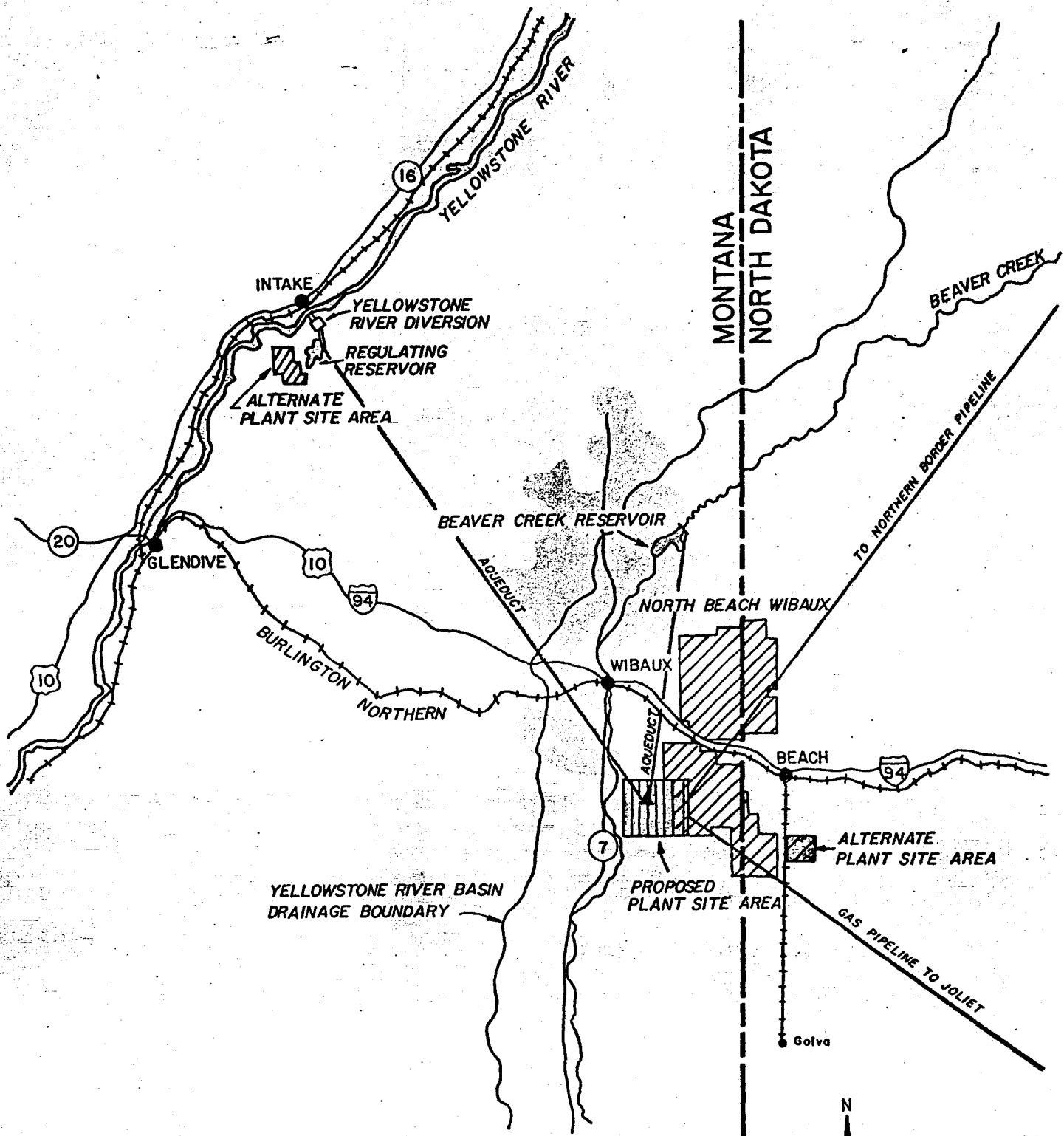
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

We at Tenneco aren't looking for a "weakening" of the environmental considerations, and we aren't trying to "gut" the act. My understanding is that this study is limited to the criteria for the review of synfuel plants with an emphasis on the questions surrounding:

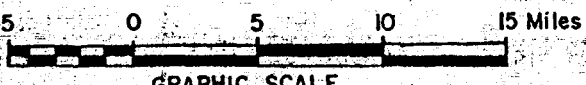
- need studies
- time frames for review
- alternative products
- alternate sites
- alternate technologies
- minimum adverse environmental impact
- mediation and negotiation

If this resolution passes and we have a good review, the Council members will have an opportunity to learn more about the concerns of industry in phasing in a multibillion dollar project such as that of Tenneco. Likewise, industry will have an opportunity to learn of the concerns of the public, the Legislature and state agencies as expressed through the Council in the course of the study.

I urge your support of House Joint Resolution 39. Thank you.



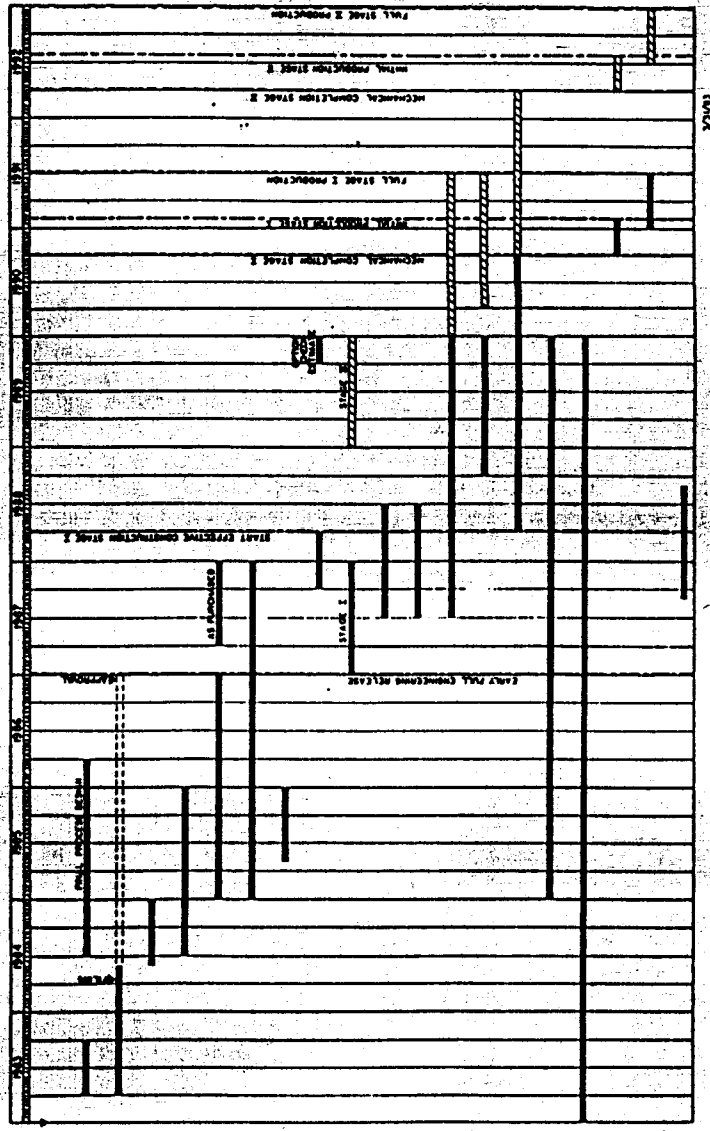
-  LIGNITE DEPOSIT
-  MINING UNITS



LOCATION MAP
 BEACH-WIBAUX AREA
 COAL GASIFICATION PROJECT

**TENNECO COAL GASIFICATION COMPANY
BEACH-WIBAUX COAL GASIFICATION PROJECT**

PHASE CONTRIBUTION
OF FINAL SCHEDULE



- LURIE DATA COMPLETE
- PROCESS DESIGN
- MONTANA APPLICATION
- PID POINT
- FINAL LURIE DATA
- EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS
- PA'S & PLOT PLANS
- SEM-DETAILED ESTIMATE
- DETAILED ESTIMATE
- PURCHASE CRITICAL EQUIPMENT
- CRITICAL EQUIPMENT VENDOR DATA
- 50% FOUNDATION DESIGN
- PRODUCTION ENGINEERS
- EQUIPMENT DELIVERY
- PLANT CONSTRUCTION
- LURIE FEEDSTOCK DEVELOPMENT
- WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT
- PRECOMMISSION/START-UP UTILITY SYSTEMS
- PRECOMMISSION/START-UP PROCESS UNITS
- TEMPORARY FACILITIES

TESTIMONY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL ON HJR 39, 4/11/83

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS MARC LEDBETTER, AND I'M REPRESENTING THE NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL. WE ARE OPPOSED TO HJR 39.

AS WITH ALL STUDY RESOLUTIONS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE THIS ONE. IT IS ALWAYS ARGUED, WHAT IS WRONG WITH STUDYING A COMPLEX AND CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC OUTSIDE OF THIS CHARGED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE? WHAT IS WRONG WITH TALKING TO ALL SIDES OF AN ISSUE, LOOKING AT THE FACTS, AND THEN PRESENTING A WELL-REASONED RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THE STUDY? OF COURSE THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS. BUT, WHEN A STUDY RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATUS QUO, AND YOU SUPPORT THE STATUS QUO ON A NUMBER OF THOSE QUESTIONS, THEN A STUDY OFFERS YOU NOTHING, WHILE OFFERING OPPONENTS TO THE STATUS QUO AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE IT.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE RESOLUTION CALLS FOR EXAMINATION OF WHETHER NEED SHOULD BE A STANDARD FOR REVIEW OF NON-UTILITY FACILITIES. WE THINK IT SHOULD, THE SITING ACT SAYS IT SHOULD, SO A STUDY OF THE QUESTION MERELY OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THIS. THE RESOLUTION ALSO ASKS FOR A STUDY OF THE TIMEFRAMES FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS. WE SUPPORT THE PRESENT TIMEFRAMES.

THE SITING ACT HAS BEEN AS THOROUGHLY DEBATED AS MOST ANY LAW WE HAVE ON THE BOOKS. THERE WERE 4 BILLS INTRODUCED IN 1975 TO AMEND IT, 5 IN 1977, 11 IN 1979, 4 IN 1981, AND 3 THIS SESSION, AS WELL AS A RESOLUTION TO STUDY THE ACT THAT WAS INTRODUCED IN 1981 AND LATER

DEFEATED BY ARGUMENTS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ISLE THAT A STUDY WAS NOT NEEDED.

THE ISSUE OF THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE NEED STANDARD RAISED IN SUBSECTION b) ON PAGE 3 OF THE RESOLUTION WAS DEBATED THOROUGHLY IN 1979 WITH HB 320 AND IN THIS SESSION WITH SB 275. THE ISSUE OF TIMEFRAMES RAISED IN SUBSECTION c) ON PAGE 3 WAS DEBATED IN 1979 WITH HB 280 AND SB 514 AND IN 1981 WITH HB 236. SEVERAL OTHER OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE RESOLUTION HAVE BEEN DEBATED NUMEROUS TIMES. TO A LARGE EXTENT A STUDY WILL REHASH DEBATES THAT HAVE BEEN HAD MANY MANY TIMES.

IF THIS LEGISLATURE DECIDES TO PROCEED WITH THIS KIND OF STUDY IT SHOULD ALSO LOOK INTO THE VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION OF WHAT FACILITIES ARE NOT COVERED BY THE SITING ACT THAT SHOULD BE. OIL REFINERIES AND MINERAL SMELTERS HAVE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT ARE AT LEAST AS GREAT AS FACILITIES COVERED BY THE SITING ACT, SO THEIR COVERAGE UNDER THE ACT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED.

THE LAST POINT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IS THAT THIS STUDY WOULD BE A VERY EXPENSIVE ONE; UNDOUBTEDLY TOO EXPENSIVE FOR EQC WITH THEIR LIMITED FUNDING TO DO PROPERLY. THE ISSUE OF IMPACTS FROM SYNTHETIC FUEL FACILITIES IN SUBSECTION a) ON PAGE 3 ALONE WOULD BE AN ENORMOUSLY EXPENSIVE STUDY. THE EPA HAS SPENT MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF DOLLARS STUDYING WHAT KIND OF POLLUTANTS MAY COME OUT OF SYN FUEL FACILITIES AND IS NOWHERE NEAR EVEN PROPOSING POLLUTION STANDARDS FOR THEM. HOW CAN THE EQC DELVE INTO THESE QUESTIONS WHEN THE EPA HASN'T EVEN BEEN ABLE TO ANSWER THEM?

Support Eck's statement on following rule adoption

HJR 39

Testimony presented to the House Committee on Natural Resources
By the Montana Environmental Information Center

April 11, 1983

HJR 39 calls for the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) to study the Major Facility Siting Act (MFSa) with an eye towards amending the Act as was proposed in SB 275. SB 275 failed in the Senate on third reading 22-28.

The changes called for in SB 275, and referenced in HJR 39 are ill-conceived. They include:

- 1) eliminating the requirement that synthetic fuels plants demonstrate the need for their final product
- 2) reducing the time for review by the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC).
- 3) eliminating studies of alternative sites and technologies and eliminating the relevant cost-comparisons between alternatives and the proposed project.

Arguments against the specific changes in the MFSa proposed in SB 275 are not the point here. The point is that the specific points of study in HJR 39 have already been proposed to and rejected by the legislature. The debate was fairly comprehensive. It is not likely that a study of the same proposals would yield significant new information.

While it would be possible to study other alternatives for altering the MFSa under HJR 39, the resolution focuses on changes which the legislature has already rejected.

Moreover, there has been no compelling need demonstrated for altering the MFSa. There are advocates of changing the Act, but no showing that the MFSa unnecessarily limits the development of facilities regulated under it.

A far more attractive and less expensive alternative to the study proposed in HJR 39 would be to have the EQC follow the rule-making process during the interim. The DNRC has not completed a new set of rules to implement the MFSa which incorporate the changes made during the 1981 legislative session. This type of oversight is well within the capability of the EQC and would likely lead to better rules to implement the Act.

The rules implementing the MFSa are every bit as important as the law itself. Oversight by the EQC is justified and within the agency's financial limits. On the other hand, HJR 39 is not justified and would cost more than the EQC can reasonably afford.

Please vote "DO NOT PASS" on HJR 39.

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME KEITH L. OLSON BILL No. HJR 40
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 1716 Kalispell DATE 11 April 83
 WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Montana Logging Assn.
 SUPPORT yes OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Give in support of HJR 40
 Though logs are the product of our labor...
 Montana's forests are the essence of our industry !!!
 A noteworthy characteristic of the logging community...
 is number of logging families... generation gaps
 are less obvious than in many other professions !!!
 This emphasizes the need to ensure that timber stands
 we harvest today are being replanted tomorrow...
 thus providing jobs for the next generation of Montanans
 and ~~increases~~ a perpetual source of income for
 Montana's schools, and of course, the children they serve.

BEYOND INTENSIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT

A prime concern of our organization is the widespread
 loss of timber to insects + disease... principally of
 late the Mtn. Pine Beetle.

These infestations not only rob ~~of~~ Montanans of
 a valuable resource and create a monumental

fire hazard ... they further create gaps in
sustained yield forest management ... and these
in turn create gaps in economic stability.

The MLA urges your concerned support for
SJR 40 !!!

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name Bob Holding Committee On NB NATURAL RESOURCES
 Address Missoula, mt, Date 4-11-83
 Representing MT. WOOD PRODUCTS ASSN. Support ←
 Bill No. HJR 40 Oppose _____
 Amend _____

AFTER TESTIFYING, PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

1. This resolution is timely, in as much as the U.S. Forest Service is changing its policy on fire suppression.

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Itemize the main argument or points of your testimony. This will assist the committee secretary with her minutes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **SPEAKER:**

We, your committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

Bill No. **40**

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE MANAGEMENT
OF THE STATE LANDS RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY STATE FOREST RESOURCES.**

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

Bill No. **40**

be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 9.

Following: "managers"

Insert: ", the Department of State Lands, and other interested parties"

AND AS AMENDED DO PASS

~~DO PASS~~