

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 27, 1985

The meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Dennis Iverson at 8:15 p.m. in Room 312-3 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members of the committee were present.

SENATE BILL 112: Rep. Raney said that he had been asked by Sen. Pete Story, sponsor of SB 112, to move that the bill be tabled. Rep. Raney so moved, and the motion was passed unanimously.

SENATE BILL 377: Rep. Cobb told the committee that he did not fully understand SB 377, and did not think the amendments to the bill that he had proposed and that the committee had earlier passed were sufficient to solve the problems inherent in the bill. Rep. Cobb moved to table SB 377, which passed with Reps. Iverson, Addy and O'Hara voting no.

SENATE BILL 277: Rep. Krueger moved DO NOT PASS on SB 277. Rep. Miles spoke against the motion, saying the committee should have more information about the status of SB 277 and a similar bill, HB 913. She said that some provisions of SB 277 are worth consideration, such as the directive that legacy projects should be prioritized with regard to whether they will create or maintain needed jobs.

Rep. Krueger agreed that the provision Rep. Miles mentioned is a good one, but suggested that it might be incorporated by amendment into HB 913, which is a much preferable bill. HB 913 addresses the intent of the legislature as to how legacy funds should be allocated, and is not too categorized in doing so, said Rep. Krueger.

Rep. Miles asked if the House would get another chance to examine HB 913, and Rep. Iverson told her yes, because the bill has been amended by the Senate. Rep. Miles said the House had not looked closely enough at HB 913. She stated a concern that industry might be able to apply for legacy funds with which to clean up problems they had created. That possibility would not exist under the provisions of SB 277, she said.

Rep. Ream said he was uncomfortable with attempts to eliminate SB 277, and said he supported that legacy fund bill.

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Rep. O'Hara noted that under SB 277, all proposed legacy fund projects compete against each other, and under HB 913, those proposed projects would be reviewed only against projects in the same category.

Rep. Miles suggested that the legislature should work on choosing "a middle road" between the two bills.

Rep. Krueger stated that under the governor's program this year, money goes to the general fund instead of to specific legacy fund programs. The governor's bill (SB 277) is too loose, said Rep. Krueger. He maintained that the legislature ought to direct how and where legacy funds are spent.

Rep. Ream said that 30% of the legacy fund goes to water development projects, which is outside the original intent of the resource indemnity trust program. Rep. Ream said he had a "problem with the pork barrel nature" of water development projects as well as with other projects funded with legacy money.

Rep. O'Hara said he had the same feeling, and said he did not like the idea of allocating percentages of the fund to particular categories, because the result might be that agencies within the categories will use assigned money whether it is needed or not.

The committee voted on Rep. Krueger's motion of DO NOT PASS, which failed 11-7. It was then agreed that the vote would be reversed, and the bill received an 11-7 DO PASS vote.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
Rep. DENNIS IVERSON, Chairman

## DAILY ROLL CALL

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date March 27, 1985

| NAME                        | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| IVERSON, Dennis (Chairman)  | X       |        |         |
| KADAS, Mike (Vice-Chairman) | X       |        |         |
| ADDY, Kelly                 | X       |        |         |
| ASAY, Tom                   | X       |        |         |
| COBB, John                  | X       |        |         |
| DRISCOLL, Jerry             | X       |        |         |
| GARCIA, Rodney              | X       |        |         |
| GRADY, Edward               | X       |        |         |
| HARP, John                  | X       |        |         |
| JONES, Tom                  | X       |        |         |
| KRUEGER, Kurt               | X       |        |         |
| MILES, Joan                 | X       |        |         |
| MOORE, Janet                | X       |        |         |
| O'HARA, Jesse               | X       |        |         |
| PETERSON, Mary Lou          | X       |        |         |
| RANEY, Bob                  | X       |        |         |
| REAM, Bob                   | X       |        |         |
| SMITH, Clyde                | X       |        |         |
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# ROLL CALL VOTE

HOUSE COMMITTEE NATURAL RESOURCES

DATE

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BILL NO.

SB 277

TIME

8:25

| NAME                        | AYE | NAY |
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| IVERSON, Dennis (Chairman)  | X   |     |
| KADAS, Mike (Vice-Chairman) |     | X   |
| ADDY, Kelly                 |     | X   |
| ASAY, Tom                   | X   |     |
| COBB, John                  |     | X   |
| DRISCOLL, Jerry             |     | X   |
| GARCIA, Rodney              |     | X   |
| GRADY, Edward               |     | X   |
| HARP, John                  |     | X   |
| JONES, Tom                  | X   |     |
| KRUEGER, Kurt               | X   |     |
| MILES, Joan                 | X   | X   |
| MOORE, Janet                |     | X   |
| O'HARA, Jesse               |     | X   |
| PETERSON, Mary Lou          | X   |     |
| RANEY, Bob                  | X   |     |
| REAM, Bob                   |     | X   |
| SMITH, Clyde                |     | X   |
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Secretary

Chairman

Motion:

DNP - Krueger / Reverse vote