

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
50TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The meeting of the Long Range Planning Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Rep. Robert Thoft on March 3, 1987 at 8:00 a.m., in Room 202B of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Long Range Planning Subcommittee were present except Rep. Donaldson who was excused.

Tape 87:A:000

OIL OVERCHARGE

House Bill #698:

Rep. Jerry Driscoll said he is in support of the bill.

Wilbur Johnson, Concerned Citizens Coalition, said he is in favor of the bill.

John Ortwein, Montana Catholic Conference, submitted written testimony to the Subcommittee (Exhibit #1).

Sue Fifield, Montana Low Income Coalition, said she is in favor of the bill.

Minyon Waterman, Montana Association of Churches, said she is in favor of the bill.

Dave Lewis said he is in favor of the bill.

Jim Morton, Missoula HRDC, said the salary for weatherization crews in Missoula average \$5.77/hour. Patty Kelly, Glendive HDRC, said they contract labor which pays \$5/hour. Mike Peilman, Havre HRDC, said they contract labor which pays \$6/hour. (135)

Sen. Aklestad asked how many homes are left to be weatherized. Jim Nolan, SRS, said 23,000 homes have been weatherized and 5,000 homes left to be weatherized.

Mr. Nolan said \$4 million is under contract, and the money will not be spent this fiscal year. Mr. Nolan said there will be a carry forward and that HRDC's are required to spend the \$1.6 million by 3/31/87, according to DOE rule, but the monies can carry forward. (302) Mr. Nolan submitted a fact sheet (Exhibit #2).

Mr. Nolan said the weatherizing of a home saves 14% of energy costs.

Jim Smith said \$1,600 is the maximum amount they can put into a home for weatherization, and they can invest up to \$250.00 in minor repairs. (469)

Mr. Nolan said 24,000 homes will receive LIEAP in fiscal year 1987. (508)

Wade Wilkinson, Low Income Senior Citizens Association, said he is in favor of the project.

(87:B:000)

Madalyn Quinlan, Associate Legislative Fiscal Analyst, submitted two letters to the Subcommittee (Exhibit #3, #4).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

House Bill #551:

Discussion: Mr. Nolan said \$1.6 million a year would weatherize 2000 homes over the 1989 biennium.

House Bill #621:

Action: Rep. Bardanoue MOVED to APPROVE House Bill #621 as introduced. The MOTION FAILED with Rep. Bardanoue voting yes. Sen. Van Valkenburg MOVED to amend House Bill #621 stating in a new section to appropriate \$1.6 million each year for Low Income Weatherization Program. He said the amounts in section 4 be reduced by the \$3.32 million to put \$2.5 million into the SRS reserve account. Sen. Van Valkenburg included in the motion that stated the Department of SRS establish rules for the distribution of monies to encourage the employment of general assistance recipients in the Weatherization Program. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously. (570)

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House Bill #'s 551, 698:

Action: Sen. Van Valkenburg MOVED to table House Bill #'s 551, and 698. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

House Bill # 653:

Action: Sen. Walker MOVED to APPROVE House Bill #653. A roll call vote was taken and the MOTION FAILED on a tie

vote. Sen. Aklestad MOVED to table House Bill #653. The Motion Carried.

House Bill #663:

Action: Sen. Aklestad MOVED to table House Bill #663. Rep. Bardanouve made a substitute motion to send House Bill #663 to House Appropriation Committee without recommendation. The substitute MOTION CARRIED with Rep. Thoft and Sen. Aklestad voting no.

Montana Low Income Coalition Proposal: (296)

Ms. Fifield said she is in favor of the project.

Sen. Van Valkenburg said he would like a pilot project done during the 1989 biennium and a report given on the project given to the 1989 Legislature. Sen. Van Valkenburg said there should be language authorizing SRS to establish a pilot project.

House Bill #621: (468)

Action: Sen. Van Valkenburg MOVED to amend House Bill #621 (Exhibit #5). The amendment states there is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources \$139,042 which shall be administratively transferred to the Department of Agriculture. The money is to be allocated for collection and distribution of biological agents to control leafy spurge and spotted knapweed. The project will reduce energy consumption by reducing the need for repeated chemical application. The MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

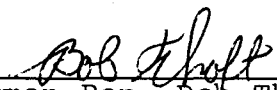
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Sen. Walker moved to amend House Bill #621 page 4 line 6 that there be a new sub paragraph 2 that states that grant applications for the transloading facility are required to be filed with the Department of Commerce no later than December 1, 1987. (141) Sen. Van Valkenburg made a substitute motion to add a new section 12 that would authorize the Department of Commerce to implement the provisions of section 5 upon passage and approval. The Department of Commerce will accept applications up to two months following passage and approval of the bill. The MOTION CARRIED with Sen. Walker voting no.

Discussion: Evan Barrett, Butte Silver Bow Economic Development Group, said Burlington Northern has plans for a transloading facility in Billings, Shelby and Missoula. (275)

Action: Sen. Van Valkenburg MOVED to APPROVE House Bill #621 as amended. The MOTION CARRIED. (363)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the Long Range Planning Subcommittee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Chairman Rep. Bob Thoft

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DAILY ROLL CALL

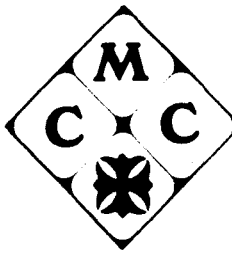
LONG RANGE PLANNING

SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE March 3, 1987

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep., Thoft, Chairman	✓		
Sen., Van Valkenburg, Vice-Chairman	✓		
Rep., Bardanove	✓		
Rep., Donaldson			
Sen., Aklestad	✓		
Sen., McLane	✓		
Sen., Walker	✓		

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Montana Catholic Conference

March 3, 1987

REPRESENTATIVE DONALDSON AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE:

I am John Ortwein here today representing the Montana Catholic Conference.

For several years members of low-income groups have come to various committees of the Montana Legislature stating the same phrase, "We would like to have a job." Monies from the Exxon Oil overcharge would well serve as a means for the employment of many on public assistance.

In the recently released U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the Economy, the following is stated: We recommend increased support for direct job creation programs targeted on the long-term unemployed and those with special needs. The cost of providing jobs must also be balanced against the savings realized by the government through decreased welfare and unemployment insurance expenditures and increased revenues from the taxes paid by the newly employed.

Jobs that are created should produce goods and services needed and valued by society. It would seem to us that it is good common sense and sound economics to create jobs directly for the purpose of meeting society's unmet needs. The weatherization of homes is a need that is felt by many.

The Montana Catholic Conference would urge you to give thoughtful consideration to H.B. 698 and would urge you to give the bill a "do pass" recommendation.



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WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM
AT 83% OF PROGRAM YEAR

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENT</u>
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY	\$1,642,356	\$1,184,065 (72%)
EXXON	\$1,399,441	\$1,195,507 (85%)
LIEAP TRANSFER	<u>\$ 998,079</u>	<u>\$ 556,969 (56%)</u>
	\$4,039,876	\$2,936,541 (73%)

HOMES PLANNED FOR YEAR = 2528

HOMES COMPLETED TO DATE = 1820 (72%)

EXHIBIT ³
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To Whom It May concern:

I support the affordable heat plan because it would be fairer for the lowest income.

Recently I received government money in the sum of 505⁰⁰ to help me pay my heat bill. My aunt, Mildred Wade, was also given a grant. However, she was told she would receive it if there was enough left in the fund. I believe older people should be considered equally with families with children and perhaps the new heat plan would be more equitable.

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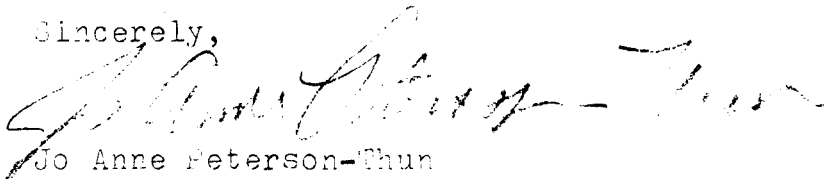
Bozeman Housing Coalition
519 1/2 E. Hamme
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Dear Representative's:

The Affordable Heat Plan is a very important piece of legislation in that it would make energy assistance more equitable. It would give the neediest person more of a chance to pay their energy bills.

The Affordable Heat Plan along with the 9 million in Oil Overcharge money to fund weatherization will potentially save the state money in the long run. Don't you think it would be better to fund the poorest population with weatherization and energy assistance than to see them go without especially families.

Sincerely,



Jo Anne Peterson-Thun
Co-Coordinator
Bozeman Housing Coalition

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Admendment to HB 621

New Section:

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Line 12

Strike \$1,089,042

Insert \$1,000,000

VISITORS' REGISTER

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

BILL NO. _____

DATE MARCH 3, 1987

SPONSOR _____

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
WILLIE F. FIELD	WILSONVILLE, OREGON	X	
GENE PHILLIPS	PP&L	X	

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR WITNESS STATEMENT FORM
PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.