

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Gary Spaeth, on January 5, 1989,
1989, at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All members present

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jane Hamman, OBPP
Carl Schweitzer, LFA
Evan McKinney, LFA
Donna Grace, Committee Secretary

Announcements/Discussion: None

ORIENTATION

Chairman Spaeth welcomed committee members and asked each committee member and staff person to identify themselves.

He then began the meeting by stating that matters coming before the subcommittee would be handled in a somewhat different manner during this session. He said that executive action would be taken on each Division as presented rather than waiting until the end of each agency's presentation as this would provide for executive action when facts were still fresh in committee members' minds. When discussions on a particular agency are completed, it will be opened for review to ensure that everything has been accomplished.

Carl Schweitzer and Evan McKinney from the LFA's office presented an overview of each agency to be covered by the subcommittee, identifying issues and modifications to be considered. An outline of their comments is attached as Exhibit 1. Mr. Schweitzer explained that the responsibility of the Fiscal Analyst's Office is to present the current level budgets of the various agencies and to make sure that any changes made by the legislature in the past come before the committee for financial approval.

The tentative schedule of meetings of the subcommittee is attached as Exhibit 2.

Chairman Spaeth stated that all meetings of the subcommittee will begin at 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, in room 420. He also announced that the meeting on January 6 would consider requests for supplemental budgets from four agencies.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 4:30 p.m.



REP. Gary Spaeth, Chairman

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NATURAL RESOURCES

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NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ORIENTATION

DEPARTMENT

LFA ANALYST

1. STATE LANDS

CARL SCHWEITZER

2. NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONS.

CARL SCHWEITZER

3. COMMERCE

EVAN McKINNEY

4. FISH, WILDLIFE, & PARKS

CARL SCHWEITZER

5. AGRICULTURE

CARL SCHWEITZER

6. LIVESTOCK

CARL SCHWEITZER

7. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CARL SCHWEITZER

Natural Resource Departments

General Fund

<u>Department</u>	<u>LFA Current Level</u>	<u>Executive Budget</u>
Public Service	\$ 3,371,515	\$ 3,347,454
Fish, Wildlife, Parks	0	0
State Lands	15,557,257	15,065,640
Livestock	1,427,473	1,503,405
Natural Resources	9,958,341	4,819,413
Agriculture	2,682,534	2,979,388
Commerce	<u>9,040,350</u>	<u>12,010,249</u>
Total	\$42,037,470	\$39,725,549

1991 Biennium

Natural Resources Departments

Gross Funding

	<u>LFA Current Level</u>	<u>Executive Budget</u>
Public Service	\$ 3,461,619	\$ 3,437,558
Fish, Wildlife, Parks	52,023,664	65,352,973
State Lands	35,244,390	43,183,625
Livestock	8,229,330	8,936,970
Natural Resources	21,776,600	26,973,626
Agriculture	8,396,819	10,185,454
Commerce	101,645,542	145,934,894
Total	\$230,777,964	\$304,005,100

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Department of State Lands Issues

- * Trust Land Management System**
- * Abandoned Mine Program**
- * Block 4 Take Over**
- * RIT interest funding of Reclamation Division**
- * Forest Fire Equipment**
- * Private Land Owner Fire Protection Assessment**
- * TSI and Brush Removal Program Expansions**
- * 12 Budget Modifications**
- * Sale of Trust Lands Leased by F,W,& P**

Department of Natural Resources and Conservations Issues

- * Transfer of 4 Positions**
- * RIT interest funding of Department Operations**
- * Alternative Energy Funds Appropriations**
- * Saline Seep Grant**
- * 6 Budget Modifications**

Department of Commerce

Budget Issues

- **Hard Rock Mining Board Grant Authority**
- **Coal Board Grant Authority**
- **Pacific Rim Office Funding**
- **Science and Technology Program Funding**
- **14 Budget Modifications**

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Budget Issues

- **New Helicopter**
- **Missouri River Water Reservations**
- **State and Private Aircraft Rental Rates**
- **Pheasant Enhancement Program**
- **Continuation of One-time Wildlife Programs**
- **Consultant Services Increases**
- **27 Budget Modifications**

Department of Agriculture

Budget Issues

- * Centralized Services Division Funding**
- * Noxious Weed Program Funding**
- * Wheat and Barley Research and Marketing Expansion**
- * 7 Budget Modifications**

Department of Livestock

Budget Issues

- * Future of Meat and Poultry Inspection Program**
- * Inspection and Control Overtime**
- * Inspection and Control Reduction**
- * Centralized Services Funding**
- * Equipment**
- * Predator Control Expansion**
- * 3 Budget Modifications**

Public Service Commission

Budget Issues

- * Employee Benefits and Longevity**
- * Operating Expenses**
- * Equipment**
- * 1 Budget Modification**

Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
Tentative Schedule - 51st Legislative Session - 1989

Meeting Room 420
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Secretary - Donna Grace - 4877
LFA Staff - Carl Schweitzer - 2986
Evan McKinney - 2986

<u>Legislative Day</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>LFA Analyst</u>
5	Fri.	1/06/89	Supplementals	Carl Schweitzer
7	Mon.	1/09/89	State Lands	Carl Schweitzer
8	Tues.	1/10/89	State Lands	Carl Schweitzer
9	Wed.	1/11/89	State Lands	Carl Schweitzer
10	Thurs.	1/12/89	State Lands	Carl Schweitzer
11	Fri.	1/13/89	DNRC	Carl Schweitzer
13	Mon.	1/16/89	DNRC	Carl Schweitzer
14	Tues.	1/17/89	DNRC	Carl Schweitzer
15	Wed.	1/18/89	DNRC	Carl Schweitzer
16	Thurs.	1/19/89	Commerce	Evan McKinney
17	Fri.	1/20/89	Commerce	Evan McKinney
19	Mon.	1/23/89	Commerce	Evan McKinney
20	Tues.	1/24/89	Commerce	Evan McKinney
21	Wed.	1/25/89	Commerce	Evan McKinney
22	Thurs.	1/26/89	Commerce	Evan McKinney
23	Fri.	1/27/89	Commerce	Evan McKinney
25	Mon.	1/30/89	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Carl Schweitzer
26	Tues.	1/31/89	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Carl Schweitzer
27	Wed.	2/01/89	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Carl Schweitzer
28	Thurs.	2/02/89	Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Carl Schweitzer
29	Fri.	2/03/89	Agriculture	Carl Schweitzer
31	Mon.	2/06/89	Agriculture	Carl Schweitzer
32	Tues.	2/07/89	Agriculture	Carl Schweitzer
33	Wed.	2/08/89	Livestock	Carl Schweitzer
34	Thurs.	2/09/89	Livestock	Carl Schweitzer
35	Fri.	2/10/89	Livestock	Carl Schweitzer
37	Mon.	2/13/89	Public Service Commission	Carl Schweitzer
38	Tues.	2/14/89	Public Service Commission	Carl Schweitzer
39	Wed.	2/15/89	Public Service Commission	Carl Schweitzer

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DEPARTMENT

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IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN COMMENTS, PLEASE GIVE A COPY TO THE SECRETARY.