

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jan Brown, on January 17, 1989,
at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Judy Burggraff, Secretary; Lois Menzies,
Staff Researcher

Announcements/Discussion: Chairman Brown said that Rep. Gilbert requested HB 93 be postponed and said the bill may be tabled. The committee was asked if they wanted to have a second on committee motions. There are no House rules saying it is necessary. The committee voted unanimously to omit seconds to motions. Rep. Cocchiarella said the subcommittee meeting on HB 26 should have something to bring before the committee within the next two weeks. We are still waiting for a response from Rep. Hanson on HB 78.

HEARING ON HB 82

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Mark O'Keefe, House District 45, said the purpose of the bill would designate Arbor Day as the last Friday in April and an official day of observance in Montana, but it would not be a state holiday. He quoted a Dr. Seuss character, "I speak for the trees because the trees have no tongues." He wanted to recognize the important of wood products and the aesthetic value of the trees to the people of Montana. In past years, the Montana Association of Nurserymen has carried the ball by asking the governor to issue an annual proclamation designating the day.

He presented the committee with an amendment (Exhibit 1) so that the bill would not require a fiscal note.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group They Represent:

Kara Ricketts, Montana Wood Products Association

Michael Hiel, Montana Association of Nurserymen

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

KARA RICKETTS, proponent, testified before the committee and presented written testimony (Exhibit 2).

MICHAEL HIEL, proponent, said the bill is a simple one, and urged its passage. He said that in order to point out the importance that trees play in our environment, the Montana Department of State Lands will be planting five Ponderosa pine trees at every school in the state during the Centennial year. He noted that a doctoral thesis on trees in urban forestry pointed out what a major role trees played by claiming that if five trees, were planted at every home in southern California, they could eliminate the need for two power plants.

Questions From Committee Members:

REP. NELSON asked Rep. O'Keefe why the bill wasn't put in the form of a resolution, which would cost the state less money. Rep. O'Keefe said that if he did that he would have to be back every two years to the legislature with the resolution. This way it would be permanent.

REP. MOORE asked Mr. Hiel to explain the claim of the thesis he referred to as to how the planting of the trees would enable the state to eliminate two power plants. He said that if the trees were planted on the south side of each house, the shade would allow the air conditioners to be turned off, thus cutting back on the amount of kilowatt demand.

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. O'Keefe said that in light of the recent fire season the state had experienced, the passage of the Arbor Day bill would show the people just how the replacement of trees will be done. He said it was his hope that the legislature would "speak for the trees."

DISPOSITION OF HB 82

Motion: Rep. O'Connell moved DO PASS.


Discussion: None

Amendments and Votes: (For amendment see Exhibit 2.) Rep. O'Connell moved DO PASS on the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation and Vote: Rep. O'Connell moved the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion PASSED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 10:20 a.m



REP. JAN BROWN, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

51th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1989

Date January 17, 1989

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep. Jan Brown, Chairman	✓		
Rep. Helen O'Connell, Vice Ch.	✓		
Rep. Vicki Cocchiarella	✓		
Rep. Ervin Davis	✓		
Rep. Floyd "Bob" Gervais	✓		
Rep. Janet Moore	✓		
Rep. Angela Russell	✓		
Rep. Carolyn Squires	✓		
Rep. Vernon Westlake	✓		
Rep. Timothy Whalen	✓		
Rep. Bud Campbell	✓		
Rep. Duane Compton	✓		
Rep. Roger DeBruycker	✓		
Rep. Harriet Hayne	✓		
Rep. Richard Nelson	✓		
Rep. John Phillips	✓		
Rep. Rande Roth	✓		
Rep. Wilbur Spring, Jr.	✓		

Exhibit #1

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HB 82

EXHIBIT 1
DATE 1-17-89
HB 82

Amendments to House Bill No. 82
First Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Mark O'Keefe
For the House Committee on State Administration

Prepared by Lois Menzies
January 17, 1989

1. Page 1, lines 19 through 24.
Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety
Renumber: subsequent subsection

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on State Administration report that HOUSE BILL 82 (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended.

Signed: Jan Brown
Jan Brown, Chairman

And, that such amendment read:

1. Page 1, lines 19 through 24.
Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety
Renumber: subsequent subsection

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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Kara Ricketts BILL NO. 82

ADDRESS 418 Chaucer Street

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Montana Wood Products Assoc.

SUPPORT ☒ OPPOSE ☐ AMEND ☐

COMMENTS: We support conservation measures, in particular, the role of regeneration, both naturally and artificially in the life cycle of our forests.

Our association has worked with the Dept. of State Lands in cooperative tree planting efforts. We are pursuing other avenues to increase public awareness on forest resources.

We support education measures to help all ages of people and learning levels learn more and gain a greater appreciation for the state's forest resources. We feel it is important to communicate and educate others on a very important renewable resource, trees.

Such an observance as Arbor Day is an appropriate measure towards an increased public awareness of trees and their value socially, aesthetically, and environmentally.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

VISITORS' REGISTER

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEEBILL NO. HB 82DATE January 17, 1989SPONSOR Rep. O'Keefe

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Joyene Zinne			
Kara Ricketts	418 Chaucer Street	✓	
MARY O'Keefe	HELENA	✓	
MICHAEL FIEL	130 S. Hewitt Hwy	✓	
D. Munson	5696 Empire Ct.		

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR WITNESS STATEMENT FORM.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.