

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN BERV KIMBERLEY, on April 22, 1991, at 10:50 A.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Berv Kimberley, Chair (D)  
Sen. Esther Bengtson, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Gerry Devlin (R)  
Rep. Ed Grady (R)  
Rep. Jerry Nisbet (D)  
Sen. Cecil Weeding (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Roger Lloyd, Associate Fiscal Analyst (LFA)  
Carl Schweitzer, Budget Analyst (OBPP)  
Theda Rossberg, Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Announcements/Discussion:**

**EXHIBIT 1 - Roger Lloyd** reviewed the areas which the committee should consider.

**CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY** said we will make our suggestions on these items and take them to the appropriations committee.

**SEN. DEVLIN** asked, will the suggestions we make here, then go to the preconference committee?

**CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY** said, that is my understanding.

**SEN. BENGTSON** said, I would prefer the conference committee take action on this and then we can defend our position since we have already been as frugal as possible.

**CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY** said, I agree, but we are obligated to make any suggestions we might have at this time.

**REP. GRADY** said, I think the reason was, to give the agencies a chance to prioritize where there would be less impact to their

budgets.

**SEN. DEVLIN** said, I would like it understood this committee is looking at reductions rather than additions to the budget.

**Mr. Lloyd** reviewed the handout with the committee. **EXHIBIT 1.** He said, these are items which are above the Executive budget. Public Service Regulation - \$30,000 for exempt position and relocation of \$35,816. Senate Finance & Claims approved the relocation of PSR.

**DNRC - Terry Perrigo, LFA** said, this is for a state-wide Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator for \$49,999 for the biennium which was approved by the committee.

Department of Commerce - **Mr. Lloyd** said, the Senate added \$375,000 for the biennium to increase local assistance to certified communities.

Fish, Wildlife & Parks - the committee approved an addition of \$55,000 for FWP for the Montana Conservation Corps.

**EXHIBIT 2** - these items are legislation that has passed or probably will be passed. They are in addition to the budget this committee approved.

**CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY** said, there is another item we reviewed in this committee in State Lands for \$300,000 for the EIS. This has to be revisited.

**REP. GRADY** asked, have these items been passed by the legislature? If we take action here will it kill HB2?

**Ms. Perrigo** said, these have been added to the bill.

**REP. BARDANOUE** said, the committee has done a fine job, however, we are faced with serious situation. The Governor has continually criticized the budget and calls us "big spenders". If we are pushed against the wall in the final days of this session, we probably will have to make some cuts. If we do have to make cuts, we have to look at the total budget. It is very difficult to balance the budget so any money you put in may have to come out.

**SEN. DEVLIN** asked, what is our time-frame for report back?

**REP. BARDANOUE** said, the next two or three days would be the absolute time-frame. There was talk about one-time revenue which I do not like.

**SEN. DEVLIN** said, the list passed out by the LFA for additions to the budget has passed both houses. These are loading up the budget.

REP. GRADY asked, we have the power of stripping the funding of these bills, don't we?

REP. BARDANOUVE said, you do have the power, but it is not like a regular session where you refer your work to a full committee because there is no more full committee action on any of these bills. The problem is not in federal funds, it is the general fund. I feel the HB2 is the finest budget that has been passed in recent legislative sessions. We are within about one and a half percent of the Governor's Budget and I believe that is remarkably close. Because of new federal regulations, we cannot use Carl Perkins money to balance the budget this year.

CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY said, they would take each item separately and the agencies could respond, but to keep in mind we are \$1.4 million below the Executive budget. This doesn't mean these have to be cut, but we have to take a look at them.

REP. NISBET said, he would prefer to start at C-1 of the salmon colored budget sheet and take each one as they are listed.

SEN. BENGTON said, she objected to that method and would like to take these items as identified by the LFA. If we cannot come to some agreement on these we will not be able to act on all those items.

CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY said, we would start discussion with Section C. Natural Resources and address each item in the order presented. EXHIBIT 1.

**PSR - Salary increase for exempt position for \$30,000:**

Howard Ellis, Chairman Public Service Commission said, our budget is not general fund money, so any savings here would not be reflected in the budget. We have added to the general fund from our revenue sources mainly, licensing fees and taxes. we are short of balancing our budget by only \$1,100.

**PSR - Additional Office Space for \$35,816:**

Wayne Budt, Administrator Transportation Division said, the office is currently located in the Highway Building and we have to move because the Department of Transportation needs our space. We had the Department of Administration review and assess our needs. Their recommendation was, we needed an additional 3,000 sq. ft. The budget office said, they would only allow equal footage as we have now. The Finance and Claims Committee recommended the additional space.

CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY said, what we really need to know is, what the impact would be on your department if this was removed from the budget.

Mr. Budt said, even if you give us the same amount of space, we will not have access to a hearing room. Also, we are using the cafeteria for large conferences.

**CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY** asked, what would happen if the exempt position was removed?

**Mr. Ellis** said, with 4% saving, it would cripple us because we are a small agency.

**REP. GRADY** asked, how is this going to affect you financially? Are you talking about an increase in fees to cover this?

**Mr. Ellis** said, the only flexible fees we have are charging for printing and handouts. The legislature allowed us to adjust the Bingo Stamps a few years back, Therefore, we would not like to increase the fees to the transportation industry.

**REP. GRADY** said, it looks like you have \$973,497 excess funds. EXHIBIT 3.

**Mr. Ellis** said, that isn't ours to spend, the revenue department has the authority to adjust that amount according to the appropriation applied to our department. The tax is adjusted down to reduce that. This isn't a permanent level of taxation because that tax is on dollar value of utilities.

**REP. GRADY** asked, where does this excess go?

**Mr. Ellis** said, it is in the general fund and if we don't spend it, it reverts back the utilities. They adjust the tax to provide for our appropriation.

**Madeline Cottrill, Administrator Centralized Services Division** explained, this handout shows the revenue collected since 1987 through 1990. The tax percentage goes down as the revenue increases. At the end of 1990 our surplus was \$973,497 and they lowered the percentage because this is in the general fund and is earmarked for the PSC. It appears they may collect another \$2 million and we will still have a surplus. This cannot be used for anything but funding of the PSC. That is why they are lowering the tax so it would be more equal with revenue coming in to expenditures.

In FY90 we collected an additional \$1,483,738 from fees, etc. which goes into the general fund. This is less than \$200,000 which we actually expended.

**REP. GRADY** asked, what happens to this money in the general fund, does it just sit there?

**Mr. Lloyd** explained, the amount the legislature appropriates, the department of revenue tries to match with the tax and in the past, the tax has generated greater income than what was appropriated. That is why the surplus is building up, so they lowered the percent of tax with intent of lowering the revenue. The revenue could be less than was appropriated, but they would have to use the surplus to equal the amount appropriated.

**SEN. DEVLIN** do those fees you collect fluctuate according to the amount of appropriations and who sets those fees?

**Ms. Cottrill** said, those fees have been set by the legislature.

**SEN. DEVLIN** asked, where does the money come from for the log hauling operation?

**Ms. Cottrill** answered, it will come out of the surplus.

**SEN. DEVLIN** asked, don't the log haulers pay anything, they are not a utility are they?

**Mr. Budt** said, the total budget is funded by the tax on the utilities and the railroads and any fees we collect from any of those sources go into the general fund.

**Tape 1, Side 2 doesn't work!**

**Mr. Lloyd** said, he wasn't sure where the \$35,816 came from in the list handed out by OBPP. The total appropriation for relocation was \$284,000 for the biennium. Most of that amount is in increased rent which is an increase of \$109,000 per year. The balance of \$67,000 is for a one-time-only moving cost.

**CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY** asked, where could we cut your budget that would impact your department the least?

**Mr. Ellis** said, probably the exempt positions as the rent money is line-itemed so we cannot spend any more than what was appropriated.

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. DEVLIN** moved to accept the budget of \$30,000 for exempt positions and \$35,816 for additional office space.

**Motion** CARRIED unanimously.

**DNRC - Statewide Conservation Coordinator for \$49,999:**

**CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY** asked **Ms. Barclay**, if we cut your budget where could we cut that would have the least impact?

**Ms. Barclay** stated, we have not increased our budget except for the statewide coordinator. The only place, would be to eliminate some of the legislation which has already passed, but I'm not sure if this subcommittee can do that. I cannot point to any area which would have the least impact.

**CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY** asked, what about a funding switch, is this a possibility?

**Ms. Barclay** answered, we would be more than happy to take some of FWP license fees.

**SEN. DEVLIN** asked, the water measuring devices HB908, one FTE and \$73,000, what happens if that isn't funded?

Ms. Barclay said, that bill along with FWP requires us to identify some problems with the water measuring devices. If we don't get the funding we cannot develop the requirements for the measuring devices and we wouldn't be meeting our obligations.

Mr. Lloyd said, in regard to the water measuring devices, this amendment in the FWP budget was put in by Senate Finance and Claims Committee which "requires DNRC to identify chronically de-watered water courses and identify water courses which occur on FWP lands and where FWP has a division structure, the department will be required to install measuring devices at these sites."

Ms. Perrigo said, they only modification which does not appear in the DNRC budget is the \$49,999 for the Statewide Coordinator.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BENGTON moved to accept the \$49,999 for the statewide coordinator for DNRC. **Motion CARRIED** unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - \$375,000 for Local Assistance to Certified Communities:**

CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY asked, Charles Brook, Director Department of Commerce where they could cut their budget with the least impact?

Mr. Brook replied, the \$375,000 was not reflected in our budget nor in the Governor's budget, so we would have no objection if you cut this amount out of our budget. SB242 which was passed will provide the Board of Science and Technology to administer \$5.1 million out of the State Investment fund for research and development of loans and includes 1 FTE. I hope this is left in the budget because this is a significant responsibility for that program.

SEN. DEVLIN asked, is the \$375,000 for grants to the certified communities?

Mr. Brook answered, yes, this is based on a formula according to population. The one mill levy was voted down in some communities so there are some where the local taxpayers wouldn't support this. Therefore, they have asked the legislature for assistance. The Governor has signed the bill which extends the sunset for the 1 mill levy. Therefore, the communities still have the option of the 1 mill levy rather than the \$375,000 general fund money to be distributed to those communities on a per capita formula.

SEN. DEVLIN asked, is there some way we could put language in stating, if they don't get the 1 mill levy, they don't receive any additional funds?

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. WEEDING moved to make a recommendation to take out the \$375,000 for the local assistance to the certified communities, with language stating, "if they do receive some assistance the communities would have to match it." **Roll Call Vote CARRIED 5 - 0.**

REP. NISBET asked, in regard to the EIS appropriation for trust lands, if this is passed by the Governor is there still a need for an EIS?

REP. GRADY said, I think there will have to be as this is a major change of use on four million acres of land and the legislature didn't address that. We have to know what kind of an impact it will have on the lease holders.

CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY said, we had some discussion on this item in subcommittee and the same discussion in the appropriations committee and considerable discussion on the floor of the house. We should recommend to the conference committee they take another look at this item.

Dennis Casey, State Lands Commissioner said, we will bring the concern to the attention of the conference committee in the form of an amendment to HB2 which reads, "\$300,000 general fund appropriation in Item 1,B is to be used for an economic study of the surface uses of state lands and costs of recreational access uses mandated in HB778." HB778 says that up to \$250,000 will be used for an economic study instead of a EIS. This will take a look at all uses of state lands and answer a lot of questions, such as grazing and other uses besides recreational. In the Senate we prepared a fiscal note which indicates we would need \$63,000 in the first fiscal year to get this program started in March of 1992.

The best way to reduce our budget if necessary is, under Best Management Practices, there is a general fund appropriation of \$24,400 a year increase and if we shift some staff we may be able to continue without that funding. In our forestry vehicle budget we asked for half of what we thought necessary which was a general fund appropriation of about \$126,000 each year and this was reduced by \$25,000 in the House Appropriations Committee so I would suggest cutting \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year out of that. After our meeting with this subcommittee the changes in our budget which have occurred are, our general fund was increased about \$10,000 and about \$260,000 to \$270,000 was removed.

REP. GRADY said, there was supposed to be some follow-up on the Best Management Practices to see if the program was going to work. You didn't have manpower then to do this and that was one reason we didn't have good results. If we don't give you more people and funds we will have the same problem in the next biennium.

Mr. Casey said, I feel we could shift some of our resources to cover some of this to some extent.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BENGTON moved to recommend the amendment to the HB778 as stated by Mr. Casey. Motion CARRIED 5 - 1 (REP. GRADY voting "no").

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BENGTON moved to recommend cutting \$25,000 per year from the forestry equipment budget. **Motion CARRIED 4 - 2** (CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY AND REP. GRADY voting "no").

SEN. BENGTON asked, if FWP, Agriculture and Livestock had any areas in their budgets which could be cut?

**Department Livestock:**

Les Graham, Executive Director Board of Livestock said, in the last biennium we gave up \$82,838 of general fund in the Rabies Control Program and we gave up a position in the Milk and Egg Program for \$60,202 and we asked for an increase in the Meat Inspection Program for \$68,000. We cannot operate on these 4% cuts anymore. Therefore, if you want to cut a program I would suggest the Milk and Egg Program for \$373,168 and 5.75 FTE.

SEN. DEVLIN said, since I have been on the committee, this has been the leanest budget of all those we reviewed.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. DEVLIN moved to recommend we do not reduce the Livestock budget and the 4% not be applied to this agency in the future. **Motion CARRIED** unanimously.

**Department of Agriculture:**

Everett Snortland, Director Department of Agriculture said, I don't know where we could cut our budget and carry on the department's responsibilities. We have already taken a cut in our department.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. GRADY moved to recommend the Department of Agriculture as is. **Motion CARRIED** unanimously.

**Fish, Wildlife and Parks:**

K. Cool, Director Fish, Wildlife and Parks said, the only place they have general fund money is in the Parks Division. The passage of SB171 provides funding with license fee dollars to fund Fish, Wildlife and Parks Enforcement Division. Considering that SB171 passes, in a period of 5 years there will be a cut in our budget of approximately \$500,000. With the 60 cent salary increase proposed there would be an impact on the agency of about \$.5 million. We have to take our pay increases out of operations. We have already provided a 4% vacancy savings. We cannot take any more cuts from general license fee revenue.

EXHIBIT 4 - Mr. Cool reviewed this handout. He stated, of all the bills for funding the parks only 3 were successful in the legislative process; HB386 1/4 cent gas tax, HB1008 cap the coal trust for parks for 2 years, SB415 \$3.50 fee on all RV vehicles and campers. These are earmarked directly for capital funding.

EXHIBIT 5 - Parks Futures Committee; Mr. Cool reviewed the benefits of this program new and used. If we are successful and the Governor signs these bills we will be in a position to provide rehabilitation to the state parks system. If we lose any



part of the \$750,000 appropriated for this program we will not be able to accomplish the capital program. We hope this amount will stay in the budget.

**Montana Conservation Corps:** EXHIBIT 6, Mr. Cool said, there is \$55,000 appropriated by this committee for the Montana Conservation Corps. This is an important youth program providing conservation projects in the parks. I would like to ask the committee to recommend this stay in the budget.


CHAIRMAN KIMBERLEY said, I think there should be more funds added to the parks budget instead of cutting the funds.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. GRADY moved to recommend the \$55,000 appropriation for the Montana Conservation Corp remain in the budget. **Motion CARRIED** unanimously (SEN. BENGTON'S proxy voting "yes").

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

  
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REP. BERV KIMBERLEY Chair.

  
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THEDA ROSSBERG, Secretary

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

ROLL CALL ~~VOICE~~

DATE 2-22-91 AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAME	AYE	NO
SEN. ESTHER BENGTSOM, VICE-CHAIR		
REP. ED GRADY	✓	
REP. JERRY NISBET	✓	
SEN. GERRY DEVLIN	✓	
SEN. CECIL WEEDING	✓	
REP. "BERV" KIMBERLY, CHAIRMAN	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

*all present*

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**DATE** 4/22/91      **AGENCY** \_\_\_\_\_      **NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME	AYE	NO
SEN. ESTHER BENGTSOM, VICE-CHAIR	✓	✗
REP. ED GRADY	✓	
REP. JERRY NISBET	✓	
SEN. GERRY DEVLIN	✓	
SEN. CECIL WEEDING	✓	
REP. "BERV" KIMBERLY, CHAIRMAN	✓	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	

*Passed 5-0*

4-22-91

EXHIBIT 1  
DATE 4-22-91  
HB

EXHIBIT 1

SECTION C. NATURAL RESOURCES:

4201-Public Service Regulation Page C-1 Lines 11 & 12 \$30,000  
Salary increase for exempt positions -- Not included in the Executive Budget.

Deulen  
approve.  
Unan.

PSR Relocation Page C-1 Lines 13 & 14 \$35,816  
Additional office space. Executive budget supports only the replacement of existing space.

5706-DNRC Page C-14, Line 23 to Page C-15, Line 1 \$49,999  
The subcommittee added \$49,999 (for the biennium) for an Eastern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator. The line items also include \$50,001 of federal funds.

*State*

Bengton  
approve  
Unan.

6501-Dept. of Commerce Page C-21, Lines 22 & 23 \$375,000  
The Senate added \$375,000 for the biennium to increase local assistance to certified communities. The additional \$375,000 represents a 10% increase. Prior to the amendment, the budget for the Department of Commerce included \$3.522 million for local assistance which is 18.13% greater than appropriations for the previous biennium. Only forty-two communities would be eligible to receive the funds. Several communities who would be receiving this state money have had local option economic mill levies defeated, meaning that state taxpayers will now pay for what the local taxpayers refused to pay for. The Governor has signed the bill to continue the one mill local option economic development levy. Every community has the means to pay for its own economic development organization if they choose to.

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take out  
w/ salary  
for Comm.  
match if  
it is approved  
Roll Call -  
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\$ 55,000 FWQ - World Conserv Corps Study recom began  
Unan

~~Wedding - recommend - taking out 300,000~~

Budget recom amend to HB 778 - 300,000 - 5-1 Study No!  
Budget recom cutting 25,000 out of Trusting Equip - 4-2 - Study No!  
Kimberty

Westerk - Deulen - recom. not to cut budget and not use 4% any more  
Unan

Study recom. - beam as is - Unan

EXHIBIT 2 <sup>4-22-91</sup>

DATE 4-22-91

HE Var. Res. Dev.

Section C  
Fiscal Impact Bills Added to HB2

<u>Agency/Bill</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Fund</u>	<u>FTE</u>	
			<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
<b>Public Service Regulation</b>				
PSC Relocation - SB 164	\$284,430			
Regulation of Log Hauling - HB 192	\$43,666		1.00	1.00
<b>Fish, Wildlife &amp; Parks</b>				
License Drawings - HB 91		\$17,500	0.20	0.30
Evaluation of Fish Introduction - HB576		\$75,000		
Paddlefish Roe - HB 115		\$52,000		
Water Measuring Devices - HB 908		\$29,000		
Devel. & Main. of Real Prop. - SB 252		\$534,800	1.50	1.50
Off-Highway Vehicles (Parks) - HB 309		\$197,400	0.16	0.16
Off-Highway Vehicles (Con Ed) - HB 309		\$21,800		
<b>Natural Resources and Conservation</b>				
Water Measuring Devices - HB 908	\$73,830		1.00	1.00
<b>Commerce</b>				
Miscellaneous POL Legislation		\$467,897	3.00	3.00
Revisions of MT Cap. Co. Act - HB 901		\$81,770	1.00	1.00
Single Audit Act - HB 328		\$291,871	1.50	2.50
R & D Loans - SB 242	\$100,000		1.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$501,926</b>	<b>\$1,769,038</b>	<b>10.36</b>	<b>11.46</b>

EXHIBIT 3  
DATE 4-22-91  
HB Max. Rev. Sub.

Ex 3

April 17, 1991

PSC Expenditures vs. Revenue Collected from PSC Tax

<u>FY 87</u>		<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Tax Percent</u>
Revenue Collected	1,649,293		.003
Expenditures	<u>1,570,732</u>	78,561	
<u>FY 88</u>			
Revenue Collected	2,085,218		.003
Expenditures	<u>1,645,494</u>	439,724	
<u>FY 89</u>			
Revenue Collected	2,224,363		.0018
Expenditures	<u>1,650,343</u>	574,020	
<u>FY 90</u>			
Revenue Collected	1,571,594*		.0016
Expenditures	<u>1,683,402</u>		
Under Collection	- 111,808	<u>-118,808</u>	
TOTAL SURPLUS		973,497	

\* Does not include the last quarter of FY90 - April/May/June.

April 17, 1991

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The following is the revenue the PSC collected through fee's and deposited into the general fund.

FY 87

PSC Application and Permit Fees	60,494
Highway Fees - /Bingo Stamps	1,157,600
Annual Report Filing Fees	16,841
Tariffs and Filing Fees	5,816
Legal Notices	13,754
TOTAL	<u>1,254,505</u>

FY 88

PSC Application and Permit Fees	76,495
Highway Fees - /Bingo Stamps	1,219,925
Annual Report Filing Fees	16,834
Tariffs and Filing Fees	6,415
Civil Penalty Fine	25
Legal Notices	14,433
TOTAL	<u>1,334,127</u>

FY 89

PSC Application and Permit Fees	113,520
Highway Fees - /Bingo Stamps	1,313,695
Annual Report Filing Fees	17,630
Tariffs and Filing Fees	2,660
Legal Notices	13,356
TOTAL	<u>1,460,861</u>

FY 90

PSC Application and Permit Fees	114,955
Highway Fees - /Bingo Stamps	1,335,330
Annual Report Filing Fees	17,015
Tariffs and Filing Fees	3,555
Legal Notices	12,883
TOTAL	<u>1,483,738</u>

EXHIBIT 7  
 DATE 4-22-91  
 HB Nat. Pres. Sub.

4-22-91  
Exp-4

April 22, 1991

POTENTIAL PARKS CAPITAL FUNDING

BILL	TITLE	SPONSOR	ANNUAL AMOUNT	SOURCE	STATUS
HB 386	Existing gas tax for park road and county connecting roads only.	Schye	\$1.4 Million (roads only)	¼ cent gas tax due to drop off of underground storage tank removal.	To Governor for signature.
HB 1008	Parks cap of its own coal tax trust - earmarked primarily for historic preservation and stabilization only	Bardanouve	\$443,000 historic preservation	Cap. coal trust for Parks for 2 years.	To Governor for signature.
SB 415	RV Vehicle fee earmarked primarily for RV related improvements (dump stations, etc.)	Vaughn	\$140,000 (RV related)	\$3.50 fee on all RV vehicles and campers	To Governor for signature.

BILLS WHICH ARE NO LONGER VIABLE

BILL	TITLE	SPONSOR	ANNUAL AMOUNT	SOURCE	STATUS
HB 550	Rental Car Tax	Grady	\$1.2 Million	6% Rental Car Tax	Killed in Senate. Adverse Committee Report
HB 526	Motor Vehicle Tax	Schye	\$530,000	50 cent motor vehicle tax	Tabled in House Taxation Committee
HB 983	Soda pop tax	Bardanouve	\$3 million	5 cents per 6-pack, 52 cents per gallon.	Tabled in House Taxation Committee
HB 905	Economic Development Bill	Bradley	\$4 million	Grant program to Parks	Killed on House Floor
SB 318	Pick-up Camper Fee	Weeding	\$13,000	\$2.50 per camper	Amended to exclude Parks on House Floor.
SB 44	Highway Department may work on Park roads.	Brown	-----	-----	Tabled in House Highways Committee
HB 623	Replace Park User fees with Coal Tax Funds	Cohen	Net \$200,000	Subtract user fees, add constitutional coal tax	Tabled in House Approp. Committee

Notes:

- A) State Parks Futures Committee Annual Capital Needs = \$4 million per year.
- B) Needed to fill the unfunded FY92/93 Parks Executive Budget need = \$2.9 million.
- C) If funds are earmarked, as all but HB 550 are, an amount in excess of \$2.9 million may be needed to fund all the capital items without reverting Federal dollars.



EXHIBIT 5  
DATE 4-22-91  
HE Nar. Res. Div.

EXHIBIT 5  
4-22-91

Parks  
~~LFA Reference C70~~  
General Fund (Futures Committee)

<u>FTE</u>	<u>FY 92</u>	<u>FY 93</u>
8.06	\$750,000	\$750,000

PERSONNEL

8.06 FTEs                    \$168,905 (FY 92)                    \$168,711 (FY 93)

- .50 Regional Staffing
- 2.91 Park Maintenance Support
- 1.65 Staff Visitor Centers, additional tour guides; Makoshika, Lewis and Clark Caverns, Bannack.
- 1.00 Capital Development Engineering Support
- 2.00 Fee Compliance and Enforcement

EQUIPMENT

FY 92 - \$113,438  
FY 93 - \$122,000

OPERATIONS SUPPORT

FY 92 - \$467,607  
FY 93 - \$459,289

NEED:

During 1990 the State Park Futures Committee visited 20 state parks, held meetings in 10 communities and visited with hundreds of Montanans. In their work, the Futures Committee identified operational need for 30 FTEs and \$2,000,000. The appropriation subcommittee is recommending only \$750,000 and 8.06 FTEs.

There are needs in:

- Human Health and Safety - such as providing safe drinking water.
- Resource Protection - such as Ulm Pishkun or Bannack.
- Visitor Protection - by providing Park Rangers.

BENEFIT:

Today in their dilapidated condition, State Parks serve 4,000,000 visitors per year, generate 1,500 private sector jobs and generate \$45,000,000 toward Montana's economy. This is a 10:1 return on our investment from the Parks Budget into Montana's economy.

This new general fund will help provide clear drinking water, weed spraying, resource protection at Bannack, Ulm Pishkun, Makoshika; visitor protection through park rangers and increased site maintenance serving all park visitors.

## BENEFITS TO PARKS USERS FROM PARK FUTURES NEW AND EXPANDED

### 1) Public Safety and Resource Protection

Parking lot patching.  
Archeological Survey - Ulm Pishkun.  
Headwaters Boundary Survey.  
Park Ranger Program (Region 1,2,3,5) - Control vandalism, reduce social conflicts.  
Signing of hazards.  
Remove hazards.  
Increase frequency of toilet pumping and trash removal.  
Increase frequency of water testing.  
Improved communication system.

### 2) Weed Control

Contracts with counties.  
Chemicals, hand tools, labor.

### 3) Improved Maintenance and Repairs

Equipment preventive maintenance program.  
Repair vandalism; toilets, signs, tables, fire grates, etc.  
Supplies - paint, small tools, nails, etc.  
Janitor service - Makoshika.  
Improved site preparation and clean-up pre-opening.  
Equipment upgrades.  
Improved facility maintenance - caretakers.  
Resource protection.

### 4) Improved Volunteer Program

Volunteer incentives.  
University internships (UM, EMC)  
Instructional Materials.  
Utilities.  
Improve information to the public.  
Host program.

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5) Fee Collection and Compliance

Iron Rangers - New fee parks, better Site control (Medicine Rocks, Spring Meadow, Giant Springs).

Fee envelopes and publicity.

Vehicle stickers, camping coupon books.

Visitation surveys and analysis.

More direct public contacts.

6) General Staffing Needs - All Seasonal

Maintenance/Park Management/Fee Collection - all regions.

Tour Guides - Lewis & Clark Caverns, Bannack, Makoshika.

Extensions of use patterns of public.

7) Capitol Construction Support

Engineering and design.

New maintenance due to construction.

Disabled Access Requirements (interpretive materials, rest areas, signing, etc.).

8) Visitor Services

More direct public assistance.

Brochures - Headwaters, Rosebud, Prairie Dog Town, Flathead, Lewis & Clark Caverns.

Makoshika Visitor Center support.

Tourism support - Promotion, local planning, literature distribution.

Special Events - Bannack Days, Buzzard Days, Disabled Water-skiing.

Video Production.

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General Fund (Montana Conservation Corp.)

<u>FTE</u>	<u>FY 92</u>	<u>FY 93</u>
-0-	\$55,000	\$55,000 ←

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PERSONNEL - 1.30 FTEs (\$41,197)  
1.00 Coordinator  
.30 Clerical Support

OPERATING BUDGET - \$13,803  
Contracted Services, Travel, Equipment

NEED:

The 1989 Legislature unanimously supported the creation of a Montana Conservation Corp. using park fee monies. to fund the program. Unfortunately, the fee revenue did not materialize and the program did not get started. In the meantime a private, non-profit organization, Montana Conservation Corp. Inc. formed becoming a private sector conservation corp with the idea of using federal funds for projects within Montana. Because these federal funds must "pass through" a state agency, Fish, Wildlife and Parks has asked to be funded, with general fund, for a position to coordinate MCC at the state level.

BENEFIT:

This partnership should provide the best of all situations; State oversight, work crews provided with youth employment funds through Human Resources Development and project implementation by the private sector.

Projects that could be accomplished by the conservation crew might be campground rehabilitation, trail construction, park facility rehabilitation or installation.