

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairperson Eleanor Vaughn, on March 15, 1991,
at 10 A.M. in room 405.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman (D)
Bob Pipinich, Vice Chairman (D)
John Jr. Anderson (R)
Chet Blaylock (D)
James Burnett (R)
Bill Farrell (R)
Harry Fritz (D)
Bob Hockett (D)
Jack Rea (D)

Members Excused: Senator Bernie Swift

Staff Present: David Niss (Legislative Council).

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

Announcements/Discussion: Chairperson Vaughn gave the gavel to
Vice Chairman Pipinich so that she could introduce the
committee resolution.

HEARING ON SENATE RESOLUTION 7

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Eleanor Vaughn, Senate District 1, Lincoln County,
presented Senate Resolution 7 confirming the nominations made by
the Governor. Each committee member has the resolution and those
who have perused their qualifications can offer comments. We'll
begin with Senator Blaylock.

Senator Blaylock had the Board of Athletics, the Board of
Banking, the Board of Barbers, and the Board of Chiropractors. He
contacted many of the legislators from the nominees' areas to see
if they knew them. His recommendations are in exhibit 2.

Senator Burnett had the Fish and Game Commission nominees who are
Elaine K. Allestad and James D. Rector and he recommended both
for confirmation. He called legislators from the area, he
talked to people in the area and the complaint about Mrs.

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Allestad is not about her particularly but they feel she lives too close to other Fish and Game Commissioners. Three live within a 100 mile radius. Ms. Allestad was present and Chairman Pipinich called her to the podium to answer questions from the Committee. (Exhibits 3 and 4)

Senator Burnett read letters of recommendation for 4 nominees to the Board of Health and Environmental Sciences. (Exhibits 5, 6, 7 and 8)

Senator Burnett read letters of recommendation for 2 appointees to the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and recommended their approval. (Exhibits 9 and 10)

Senator Burnett read letters of recommendation for 2 appointees to the Highway Commission and recommended approval. (Exhibits 11 and 12)

Senator Burnett read letters of recommendation for 8 appointees to the Board of Trustees of the State Historical Society. (Exhibits 13 through 20)

Senator Farrell recommended all the people on the Board of Horseracing, The Board of Housing, the Commission for Human Rights, the Board of Investments, the Board of Labor Appeals, the Board of Landscape Architects, State Library Commission, Board of Medical Examiners. Senators Vaughn and Pipinich have not had any comments on any of those appointments.

Senator Rea questions the Board of Horseracing. He's had personal experience with Mr. Gib Goodman in a financial transaction at the bankrupt feedlot in Three Forks. This gentleman was sent from the First National Bank of Helena when they took it over. There were 4 people involved amounting to about \$15,000 interest in that feedlot. He went to each and asked them to hold off in the action. He said we will take care of this as soon as we find out where we are. When it came to the bankruptcy proceedings in Butte, he got up and said he had never talked to those people. There was an individual from Toston that lost all kinds of hay. Senator Rea had a \$3500 veterinary bill that was wiped out. The gentleman drove out of town in a great big Buick and waved and said I'll pay you some day. Senator Rea MOVED to separate Mr. Gib Goodman from the resolution.

Senator Farrell said he had never heard this before. Do you think it will affect how he votes on the Board of Horseracing? Senator Rea didn't know.

Senator Blaylock said from this story, the man is basically dishonest. Senator Rea said he was used as a scapegoat and he was holding off the creditors, exactly what their intent was. But, when he testified at the bankruptcy proceedings and denied contacting them, it met with ill favor. Subsequent to that he was released from the bank.

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Senator Farrell asked John Kinna about Gib Goodman's recommendation. Mr. Kinna said they investigate nominees, both by their recommendations and unlisted references and he did not see any of that on a criminal investigation.

Senator Rea said he didn't think there was a criminal investigation. The 4 of them who had bills with him got up and testified in the bankruptcy case in Butte. He was subsequently released from the bank.

John Kinna said he checks as far as he can without getting into a libel suit against them. He was well represented. The Board of Horseracing has been in court many times, regarding where the races are, what dates folks get, and if they are using a weed spray. It was felt he had a good handle on those kinds of things. We tried to have 1 Great Falls representative, and 1 Miles City representative because that is where there is conflict with regard to race dates. His office is terribly sensitive and he tries very hard to not subject the Governor to embarrassment over an appointment any more ever for the sake of the person, for the sake of the administration, and for the sake of state government.

Senator Farrell believes Mr. Goodman should be able to hear these statements. Senator Rea said he had made a motion to segregate him out to be heard separately. The VOTE was UNANIMOUS to make a separate resolution for Mr. Gibson Goodman.

Senator Rea had the Board of Regents of Higher Education, Board of Realty Regulation, and Board of Social Work Examiners and Professional Counselors. He had examined all those appointments and recommended that they all be accepted.

Proponents' Testimony:

Elaine K. Allestad didn't have any written testimony, but will be glad to answer questions from the committee.

Bob Gilbert, representing Montana Woolgrowers, said the Allestads are a long time ranching family. They are members of the Woolgrowers Association. He goes into the Absarkee Beartooth Mountains to view some sheep grazing. On that trip they do fish. He also buys hunting and fishing licenses and Elaine also fishes. The Allestads are avid sportsmen. They go elk and deer hunting. He said that people who ask permission can hunt and fish on Allestad's ranch. Elaine, being the first woman to be nominated by a Governor to the Fish and Game Commission, will serve this Commission well. Elaine fulfills the law as far as her residence in the proper district. It is the prerogative of the Governor to choose whomever he wishes. He supports Elaine in the appointment to the Commission.

Marvin Barber, a neighbor of the Allestads, has the pleasure of working with her as a County Commissioner. He's known Elaine

since she was a child. She was chairperson of the County Commission and there was a number of times when they didn't agree when solving the problems of county government, but Elaine was a staunch stickler of staying with what the law says. She was very fair and there were times she would have liked to have voted the other way, but because of what the statutes of the State of Montana said she voted that way. She's a hardworking ranch lady, a sportswomen who got the largest elk antlers of the group. It was too bad someone took the antlers and sold them. She's open minded and fair minded. He feels as the Governor does that she can do the job.

John Kinna, serves the Governor in the matter of appointments, said there was much background work that went into this appointment. They interviewed Mrs. Allestad and the motive behind her appointment is honorable and in the best interests of the State of Montana. His one negative response was, "My God, do you realize you've appointed a woman to the Fish and game Commission?" Since I've been in state government my instincts have become more astute, and I believe she will represent the State of Montana very well. The Governor feels the same way. Please support Mrs. Allestad.

Carol Mosher, Montana Cattlemen, stands in support of this appointment. They are very pleased to have a woman nominee. She's a sportswomen, a landowner, and loves to fish. They let sportsmen on their ranch. This is a good appointment to represent them and all parts of the state.

Elaine Allestad said she is an avid hunter ever since 12 years of age. She's hunted every year since then. She's hunted from the Yukon in Alaska, the Big Hole, Gallatin, Gardiner area and around home. She's aware of wildlife and public land issues. She applied because she was interested in wildlife, parks, and fishing accesses. She would like to have the opportunity to further fishing accesses through a good neighbor policy, that is with good fences, good roads, good wildlife management, and man power and funding to do those things.

Opponents' Testimony:

Tony Schoonen, Skyline T.V., representing the Skyline Sportsmen's Club, Anaconda Sportsmen's Club, the Butte Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Gallatin Wildlife Association, rose in opposition to the appointment of Elaine K. Allestad to the Fish and Game Commission. He read testimony into the record. (Exhibit 1)

Bill Holdorf, representing Skyline Sportsmen and the Anaconda Sportsmen, showed the map of the 5 districts of the state, and the 3 represented by Errol Galt, Bill Stratton and Elaine Allestad. He said many people live to the west and up by Havre and they aren't receiving representation by appointing people who live in the close proximity of Martinsdale, Billings and

Sweetgrass County. Another point is, this appointee is from a ranching family. Another ranching family is Mr. Galt. Most big ranchers think of 2 things, outfitting and closed land. Mr. Holdorf is a straight Montana sportsman and in his lifetime he has watched pieces of land being closed up. These people do not represent the ordinary Montana person. They represent out of state money. They represent wealth and closed land. Those are the reasons he is opposed to Mrs. Allestad's appointment.

Questions From Committee Members:

Senator Blaylock asked Mrs. Allestad how she stood in the business in fee hunting, which is growing rapidly. They own an 1800 acre ranch northeast of Big Timber along the Sweet Grass River and they also lease a ranch that is 5 miles along the Yellowstone, and they do not take fee for hunting. The land is open. They do manage the hunting so that everyone that is on there has an enjoyable hunt.

Senator Blaylock asked about the school sections and some ranchers have as many as 25 or 30 school sections incorporated into their ranch. How do you feel about public access to those school sections? Elaine Allestad feels that if there is a county road or a legal access to that property, more than likely the public has a right to go there. There is going to be a problem with fees or damages, and things like that but it shouldn't be taken away from the reason it is there - it's for schools.

Senator Blaylock asked about the fishing accesses that you say you are in favor of. Would you be supportive of what has been happening in the past where the Fish and Game has purchased entire ranches for access sites? Then they pay money in lieu of taxes to the state. E. Allestad has 2 feelings on that. 1. As a County Commissioner that erodes the county tax base, because they wouldn't have livestock, buildings, machineries, etc. 2. She would like to see smaller accesses to the fishing rather than large ranches.

Senator Hockett commended John Kinna for appointing a woman to the Board. But so many in such a small area is not representation of the State of Montana. Why did you do that? Mr. Kinna said the statute sets up different regions and there is nothing in the statute that says a person has to be so far in a region or so far from the boundary of a region. Therefore, that is what they look at. Also, they strive for folks who are not going to be parochial, and expect them to represent all of Montana. There are many qualified folks.

Senator Pipinich said you are being parochial by putting all the representation in one little corner of districts 2, 3, and 5 boundaries. Are you telling me there aren't some applicants farther that would give good representation? John Kinna said the Governor chose the most qualified applicant inside the statutory requirements to do the job. That has simply happened.

Senator Pipinich asked if anyone else applied for that Commission appointment? John Kinna said a person from Livingston, Butte, and that's what he can remember.

Senator Burnett asked Elaine about the land swap between the Nelson Ranch and the Fish and Game Commission. Elaine Allestad said that was in Park County. If there is a willing buyer and a willing seller, then it could happen. The Fish and Game should be certain when they purchase or trade a place, they have the funding to care for a place once they get it. Presently, she thinks the Fish and Game Commission purchases land for wildlife management and that management should be done properly.

Mrs. Allestad corrected the statement that she belongs to the Ducks Unlimited, which she doesn't. She belongs to the Elk Foundation.

Senator Pipinich asked her about the statement made to the other gentlemen that "we almost beat that" and that was in regard to stream access. Please defend your position. Mrs. Allestad responded that Tony Schoonen set her up for that comment. Presently, she feels it's ancient history, it's the law and she's a law abiding citizen and she lets people come onto their property.

Senator Anderson asked what is your position in regard to public lands? As Tony mentioned that is a big, important problem. Mrs. Allestad said she was a strong believer in private property rights. She's also a strong believer in public access to public lands, because it does belong to the public. With a due amount of respect from each other, that can be accomplished.

Senator Anderson has observed that the problem of access comes from out of state purchasers, when they come to Montana and close up much of the property, the access, etc. His ranch works with the Fish and Game in the Block Grant Program. It is some benefit to the ranchers because it takes hunting pressure from the private land. Mrs. Allestad said she is a rancher, her dad ran the Ford Dealership in Big Timber, and she's a County Commissioner.

Senator Rea asked Tony Schoonen if he sent in a sportsman's name for this appointment? Tony Schoonen said they sent in Dr. Charles Buehler of Butte, who was very well qualified. He's been associated with the sportsman's club for 20 years, he owns a small acreage near Waterloo, he's familiar with weeds, he's been working with CMRP, he's a very qualified person. There was one other sportsman from Livingston, John Beatty. The Anaconda Sportsmen, the Skyline Sportsmen, the Gallatin Wildlife Federation all supported Dr. Buehler.

Senator Rea asked about the weed problem? Tony Schoonen said there \$1.50 on every vehicle that goes into the weed trust fund and then the Weed Trust Board appropriated that out to places

that had weed problems. They made up weed brochures and Dr. Buehler was a part of that.

Senator Rea they are working with Silverbow County Weed Board to spray weeds on McCarthy Mountain where public access is allowed by the land owners.

Senator Rea asked is the right to go on land a big problem? Tony Schoonen said the old time ranchers allow sports hunting if you show respect, stop and ask and generally are a good neighbor. What's happening in southwest Montana large out of state corporations are buying cheap land with beautiful wildlife. Examples are, Leon Hirsch that invented the surgical staple makes \$1 million a day. He's bought 15 ranches in southwest Montana. He won't even let his foreman hunt or fish. He blocks off thousands of acres state and forest service land. The VonTrapp in the Ruby controls 22 contiguous sections of state school lands that is all posted. The Hamilton ranch is posted. The Hirst land is posted. Access into most of southwest Montana is gone.

Senator Anderson spoke in support of Mrs. Allestad after he's heard her stand on the major issues. Mr. Schoonen said that when Errol Galt was appointed to the Commission, the Montana Wildlife Federation did concede to his appointment. But what happened there was a message from the Governor that if we would allow Mr. Galt then they would have a choice and he referred the committee to J. D. Lynch.

Senator Hockett lives up by the Canadian border and he asked if she would consider the needs up there? He said there is a hassle with the Fish and Game over a little park and his people say nobody listens to them. Mrs. Allestad said she would think about the whole state. She's on a National Public Lands (ASI) Committee.

Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Vaughn closed the hearing on Senate Resolution 7 by asking for approval of all those who had been discussed except for Elaine Allestad on the Fish and Game Commission and Gibson Goodman on the Board of Horseracing. It appears that Senators need to vote separately on the Elaine Allestad appointment. It appears that Gibson Goodman needs to be heard. With those recommendations, I close the hearing on Senate Resolution 7.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENATE RESOLUTION 7

Motion:

Senator Hockett moved to accept SENATE RESOLUTION 7 except for the 1 member on the Board of Horseracing.

Discussion:

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Senator Pipinich asked Senator Burnett if he was going to separate Elaine Allestad out of the resolution. Senator Burnett said they are only objecting to her location, not her qualifications.

Senator Farrell said just because the corners of the district come together, it isn't a good reason to disapprove that person. We should change the areas some other way.

Senator Pipinich said it happens that the 3 corners come together and all the appointments come out of there.

Senator Farrell said this resolution is put on the Senators' desks for 3 days and he thinks Mrs. Allestad will be separated out. We have to have a preliminary standing committee report.

Senator Vaughn said we've had a request for 1 to be separated out of the Board of Horseracing and that will come out on a separate resolution and we'll have a hearing.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes:

The VOTE was 8 yes and Senator Pipinich voted no. Motion carried. Senator Pipinich requested to amend Elaine Allestad out of Senate Resolution 7 and then he could vote approval of the others. This was done. There will be two resolutions put on the Senators' desks, 1 with all the Board appointments except Mrs. Allestad and Mr. Goodman, and the other with Mrs. Allestad. We will schedule a hearing for Mr. Goodman.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 11:30 A.M.


ELEANOR VAUGHN, Chairman


DOLORES HARRIS, Secretary

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ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE 3-15-91

52 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR ELEANOR VAUGHN	X		
SENATOR BOB PIPINICH	X		
SENATOR JOHN ANDERSON	X		
SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK	X		
SENATOR JAMES BURNETT	X		
SENATOR "BILL" FARRELL	X		
SENATOR HARRY FRITZ	X		
SENATOR BOB HOCKETT	X		
SENATOR JACK "DOC" REA	X		
SENATOR BERNIE SWIFT			<i>excused</i>

Each day attach to minutes.

DATE March 15, 1991

COMMITTEE ON State Administration

VISITORS' REGISTER

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(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

Feb. 3, 1991

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 1

DATE 3-15-91

BNL NO. SR7

TO: Senator Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman
RE: Appointment of Elaine Allestad to Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Commission

Several sportsmen's groups in Commission district II have serious concerns with Governor Stephen's appointment of Elaine Allestad from Sweetgrass County.

1. The first and foremost was that no sportsmen's group in Commission District II recommended her for the appointment. We pay the lion's share of the revenue needed to run the department so that people recommended by our groups should have some consideration.
2. If Mrs. Allestad is confirmed for the Commission seat, there will be three commissioners in less than a hundred mile radius. This is hardly representative of the far flung reaches of Montana. Southwestern Montana has more wildlife and Fisheries potentially, but no representation on the Commission. The three commissioners are Errol Galt, Martinsdale; Bill Stratton, Billings; and Elaine Allestad, Sweetgrass County.
3. Mrs. Allestad was an outspoken critic of stream access in 1985. Access on public lands is the number one issue in Montana today. We are not confident that she will represent sportsmen's views, only Sweetgrass county's views.
4. We do not feel that her qualifications are the best, just being a member of Ducks Unlimited or a county commissioner does not qualify a person for making responsible decisions in wildlife, fisheries, and the management of people.
5. The tradition of appointing one person who makes their living from agriculture is gone by the way side. This is the first time that two people from agriculture will serve on the commission. Is the intent of the law being upheld?

Your consideration of our concerns will be greatly appreciated.

Skyline Sportsmen's Club - Butte
Anaconda Sportsmen's Club - Anaconda
Butte Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Gallatin Wildlife Association - Bozeman

cc: All members of the State Administration Committee

February 6, 1991

Governor Stan Stephens
Room 204 State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Fish & Game Commission

Governor Stephens:

The Board of Directors of the Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Association is deeply disturbed by your recent appointment of Elaine Allestad to the Fish and Game Commission. While we realize that under existing Montana law it is your prerogative to appoint whomever you choose to this position, we cannot agree with your choice of Ms. Allestad.

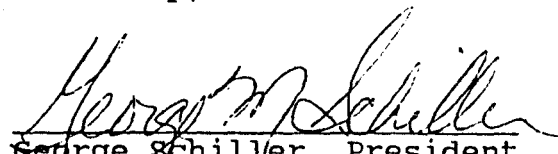
Based on her active opposition to the Montana Supreme Court's decision reference stream access and later legislation regulating this access, we do not believe that she can fairly represent the Montana sportsmen.

We are also concerned that to our knowledge not one sportsmen's or wildlife oriented group has endorsed her nomination. We sportsmen's, through direct license fees and taxes on the purchase of sporting equipment, provide the vast majority of the revenue required to operate the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Your appointment of Ms. Allestad cannot help but be seen by Montana sportsmen as taxation without representation. It is this type of appointment that fuels the call for direct election of Fish and Game Commissioners.

We also believe that her appointment means that the vast majority of southeastern Montana will at best have only marginal representation on the Commission.

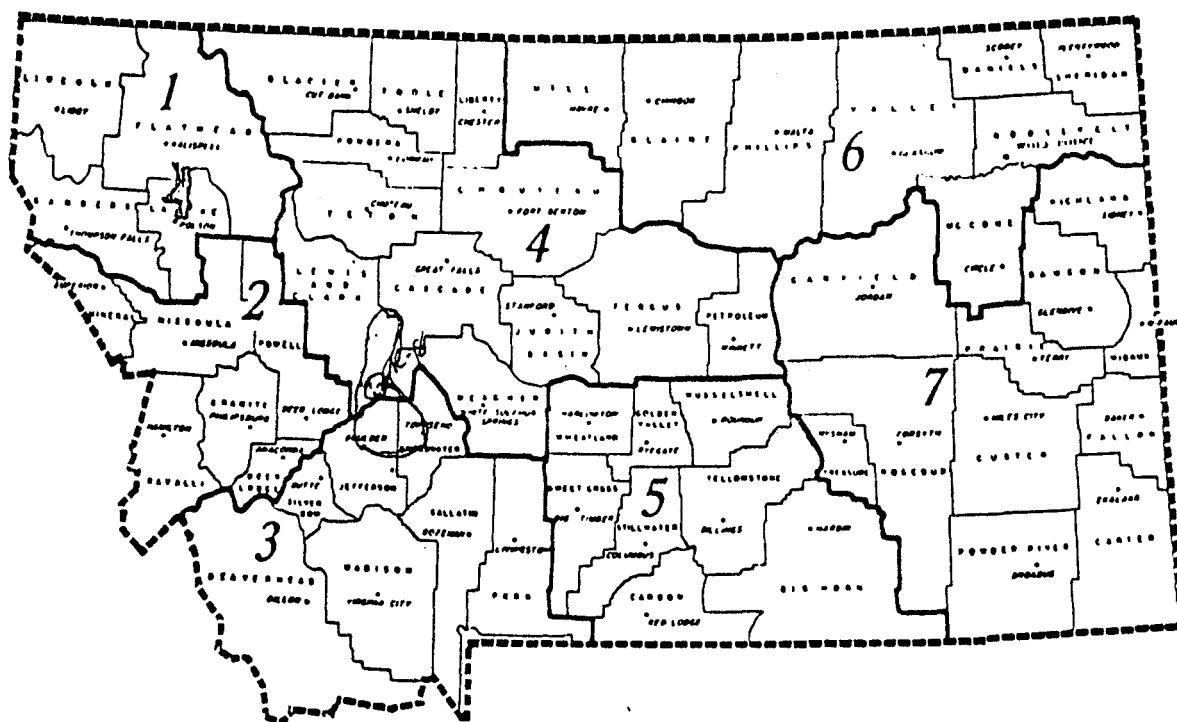
We can only hope that you consider these concerns should you be allowed the opportunity to appoint future members to the Fish and Game Commission.

Sincerely,

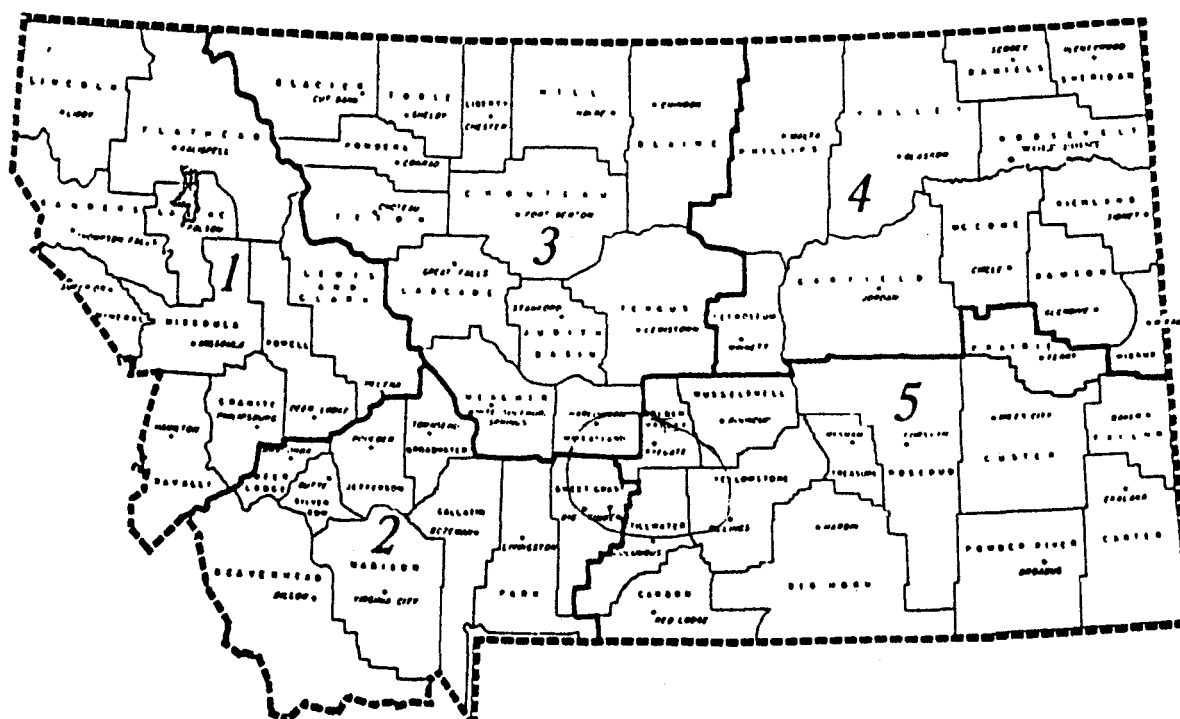

George Schiller, President
Prickly Pear Sportsmen's Assc.
227 E. Main
East Helena, MT 59635

COPY: Senator Bob Pipinich, Chairman F&G Committee
Senator Joe Mazurek
Senator Mignon Waterman
K. L. Cool, MDFWP

Tony Schoonen



Fish, Wildlife and Parks Administrative Regions



Fish and Game Commission Districts

INTRODUCED BY

HOUSE BILL NO. 808

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING FROM FIVE TO SEVEN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION; REVISING THE AREAS USED TO DETERMINE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM FIVE COMMISSION DISTRICTS TO THE SEVEN FISH AND GAME ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-1883 AND 2-15-3402, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 2-15-3402, MCA, is amended to read:

"2-15-3402. Fish and game commission -- composition -- qualifications -- quasi-judicial. (1) There is a fish and game commission.

(2) The commission consists of five seven members. At least one member shall be experienced in the breeding and management of domestic livestock. The governor shall appoint one member from each of the following districts:

(a) District--Nor--17--consisting-of--Lincoln--Flathead--Sanders--Baker--Mineral--Missoula--Powell--Ravalli--Granite--and--Lewis--and--Clark--Counties;

(b) District--Nor--27--consisting-of--Beauregard--Silver--Bow--Beaverhead--Madison--Jefferson--Broadwater--Gallatin--Park--and--Sweet-Graess--Counties;

(c) District--Nor--37--consisting-of--Glacier--Toole--Liberty--Hill--Pondera--Weton--Chouteau--Cascade--Judith--Basin--Fergus--Blaine--Meagher--and--Wheatland--Counties;

(d) District--Nor--47--consisting-of--Phillips--Valley--Benetis--Sheridan--Roosevelt--Petroleum--Garfield--McGone--Richland--Bawson--and--Wibaux--Counties;

(e) District--Nor--57--consisting-of--Golden--Valley--Muskeg--Stillwater--Carbon--Yellowstone--Big--Horn--Treasurer--Rosebud--Custer--Powder--River--Garter--Paton--and--Prairie--Counties; seven fish and game administrative regions established by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks.

(3) Appointments shall be made without regard to political affiliation and shall be made solely for the wise management of the fish, wildlife, and state parks, and other outdoor recreational resources of this state. A person may not be appointed to the commission unless he is informed or interested and experienced in the subject of wildlife, fish, and outdoor recreation and the requirements for the conservation and protection of fish, game, game birds, animals, and outdoor recreational resources.

(4) A vacancy occurring on the commission shall be filled by the governor in the same manner and from the district administrative region in which the vacancy occurs.

(5) The fish and game commission is designated as a quasi-judicial board for purposes of 2-15-124.

February 26, 1991

SENATOR BLAYLOCK'S BOARDS

Board of Athletics

Harry Atchinson, Havre - Good Man - active in community affairs - dedicated. RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION.

Andrew Vandolak - Legislators who know him recommend him. RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION.

Board of Banking

David Bliss - Conrad, MT - Good recommendations - Snowmobile dealer - honest. RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

Chuck Brooke - Helena, Good report. Doing a good job. RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

Board of Barbers

Donna Elaine Busha - Billings, Former student of mine. Comes from a good family. She was a good student. RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

James Thul - Great Falls
RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

Robert L. "Lanny" White - Townsend, Owner operator of Townsend Lumber. Good person - conscientious - honest. RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

Board of Chiropractors

Dr. Dwayne S. Borgstrand - Red Lodge, MT. No great enthusiasm but he is fit. Difficult to work with. Assn. of Chiropractors in general not happy. Very abrasive.

He is on Board of American Chiropractic Association and if he is put on Board of Montana Chiropractors, which is to protect public there will be a conflict of interest.

We need a hearing on this man.

Ron Remich - Good man. Well respected.
RECOMMEND CONFIRMATION

FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARTS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

February 4, 1991

Elaine K. Allestad
MCA 2-25-3402
Big Timber, Montana 59011

I have talked with a number of persons that know her personally and with several FW&P Commissioners since she attended one commission meeting. All have been favorable except an unsigned letter complaining that no sportsmen's group recommended her but did not identify that group in Region III. I did contact several rod and gun club members and heard no negative responses.

A personal interview by telephone would make me believe she will be favorably accepted. This will be the first woman as a commissioner with FW&P. She is a county commissioner for the county of Sweetgrass. It is the opinion of those in Sweetgrass that the county commissioners position is not a 5 or 6 day a week position and accepting the board position with FW&P would not be a conflict.

I would recommend approval of Mrs. Allestad to the commission of FW&LP.

Sincerely,

Senator James Burnett
Senate District 42

JB/fdh

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EXHIBIT NO. 4
DATE 3-15-91
BILL NO. SR 7

February 11, 1991

James D. Rectar - Glasgow
FW&P Commission

I have talked at length to Mr. Rectar and he did appear before the State Administration Committee in February since he was in town. He has been active in many sportsman activities in Valley County. There were no negative reports from anyone. Everyone believed that he was an excellent appointment.

I certainly and wholeheartedly recommend approval of this appointment.

Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42
State Administration Committee

SENATE STATE ADMIN.
EXHIBIT NO. 5
DATE 3-15-91
BILL NO. SR 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 22, 1991

RE: Jeremy Thane
Health and Environmental Sciences
MCR 2015-2104

Mr. Thane is an attorney in Missoula with several law partners. He is considered a very well thought of citizen and is considered a good appointment by Senator Bill Farrell of District 31, which includes Missoula.

I recommend the approval of this appointment.

JHB/fdh

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 6

DATE 3-15-91

BILL NO. SR 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 22, 1991

RE: Dr. Dennis Schreffler
Health and Environmental Sciences
MCA 2-15-2104

I have visited with former Representative Cal Winslow of the Deaconess Medical Center in Billings and other members of the Board. There were no negative reports to my inquiry. In their opinion it is a good solution to the Health and Environmental Board.

I recommend approval of this appointment.

JBH/fdh

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 22, 1991

RE: Remington Kohrt
Health and Environmental Sciences
MCA 2-15-2104

Remington Kohrt is a manager of Staltze-Connor Lumber Company at Darby. He is considered a good citizen of the area and the state. He has been active in many community efforts. There were no negative reports to surface in my investigation.

I recommend the approval of this appointment.

JAB/fdh

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EXHIBIT NO. 8

DATE 3-15-91

BILL NO. SR 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 22, 1991

RE: Dr. P. L. (Paul) Kathrein
Health and Environmental Sciences
MCA 2-15-2104

Dr Kathrein is an optometrist in Great Falls and is a partner of Dr. P. J. Stibel. He is highly recommended by his peers. Senator Jerry Noble knows him well and believes this is an excellent appointment.

I recommend approval of this appointment

JHB/fdh

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EXHIBIT NO. 9

DATE 3-15-91

BILL NO. SR 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 4, 1991

RE: Ben Havdahl
Hearing Aid Dispensers Board
MCA 2-15-1850

This will be a reappointment and those I have talked to in Helena had indicated no negative statements in regards to Mr. Havdahl. Most of us know Mr. Havdahl as the lobbyist and member of the Montana Motor Carriers Association.

I recommend Ben Havdahl be approved to this board.

JB/fdh

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EXHIBIT NO. 10

DATE 3-15-91

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Ben Havdahl
Hearing Aid Dispensers Board
MCA 2-15-1850

This will be a reappointment and those I have talked to in Helena had indicated no negative statements in regards to Mr. Havdahl. Most of us know Mr. Havdahl as the lobbyist and member of the Montana Motor Carriers Association.

I recommend Ben Havdahl be approved to this board.

Sincerely,

Senator James Burnett
Senate District 42

JB/fdh

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 11

DATE 3-15-91

BILL NO. SR 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 22, 1991

RE: Murray Ehlers - Billings
Highway Commission
MCA 2-15-2502

Senator David Rye recommends Mr. Ehlers be approved. I have talked with citizens that are also acquainted with him. He is a retired machine dealer and operator and as indicated by those that know him, "he uses a great deal of common sense".

I recommend approval of this appointment.

JHB/fdh

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 12

DATE 3-15-91

BILL NO. SR 7

February 4, 1991

Ed Smith
Highway Commission
MCA 2-15-2502

This will be a first appointment for Ed Smith on the Highway Commission. For the most part, I believe Ed needs little introduction as having served in both the House and Senate for many years. He operates a farm at Dagmar and an implement business in Plentywood. Without hesitation, Ed Smith should be approved to the Highway Commission.

Sincerely,

Senator James Burnett
Senate District 42

JB/fdh

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 13

DATE 3-15-91

BILL NO. SR 1

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 8, 1991

RE: John Burke - Butte
Historical Society Board/Trustee

John Burke is a vice-chairman of the Board of Montana Power Company. He is a graduate of the University of Montana. At the present time he is serving as a trustee for Carroll College. He serves on Edison Electric Institute Executive Advisory Committee. He has taken a real interest in the Historical Society. There were no negative attitudes expressed to those I talked to.

I recommend approval of this appointment.

JHB/fdh

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 4, 1991

RE: Charmaine Fisher
Trustee, Historical Society Board
MCA 2-15-1512

This will be a first appointment for Mrs. Fisher. She is an avid supporter of Yellowstone County Historical Society and elected for a number of terms as Clerk of the District Court. She is a charter member of Peter Yegan Museum. Absolutely no negative indications to this appointment. She is active in a number of community activities. I recommend Charmaine Fisher to be Trustee of the Historical Society.

JB/fdh

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 4, 1991

RE: Jack Haynes
Trustee, Historical Society Board
MCA 2-15-1515

Jack Haynes is a rancher and has been active in community projects. His wife is Harriet Haynes, who is in the House of Representatives, and has served in that position on and off for a number of years. Jack has written historical articles for the local paper for some time.

No negative attitudes have surfaced in my inquiry.

I recommend approval of Jack Haynes as Trustee, Historical Society Board.

JHB/fdh

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 8, 1991

RE: William Holt - Lolo
Historical Society Board/Trustee

William Holt is a rancher and has property in Montana, Edmonton, Canada and in Australia. I did not talk to Mr. Holt personally but he is owner and founder of the Art Museum and Mountain Old Town at Seeley Lake. A past director of the World Trade Center in Montana, Western Fair and Rodeo Historical Society.

I recommend approval of this appointment.

JB/fdh

February 4, 1991

William R. Mackay
Trustee, Historical Society Board
MCA 2-15-1512

Bill Mackay served in the legislature for more than 20 years -- one term in the House. The Mackay collection of Charlie Russell was donated to the Historical Society. Bill has been active in the Historical Society more than 40 years and maybe a Trustee for that length of time. I know of no one that has or would criticize this appointment.

I recommend William R. Mackay for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Senator James Burnett
Senate District 42

JB/fdh

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 18

DATE 3-15-91

BILL NO. SR-7

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February, 1991

RE: Will R. Mackay-Roscoe
Historical Society Board/Trustee

Bill is a retired rancher just south of Roscoe. The Mackay collection of Russell paintings was taken from New York by the family and donated to the Montana Historical Society some thirty years ago. Charles Russell was a friend of the Mackay family when Bill was a very young person. Bill has served on the Historical Society Board/Trustee for some thirty years. He has served one term as a representative and five terms as a State Senator and a number of years as National Committeeman to the Republican Committee.

I recommend approval of this appointment.

JB/fdh

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 8, 1991

RE: James W. Reger - Billings
Historical Society Board/Trustee

James Reger is employed as an associate with NRG Company in energy exploration. He is always a proponent of the local historical units, Zoo Montana and a graduate of the law school of the University of Iowa. He has served on the Historical Society Board prior to this appointment.

I recommend this appointment be approved.

JHB/fdh

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 20

DATE 3-15-91

BILL NO. SR 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Administration Committee

FROM: Senator James H. Burnett
Senate District 42

DATE: February 11, 1991

RE: Dr. Richard Roeder - Helena
Historical Society Board/Trustee

Dr. Roeder is a professor at Carroll College and has served on the staff at MSU. He is a historian and a reappointment to the Montana Historical society.

Without hesitation, he should be approved.

JHB/fdh

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 21

DATE 3-15-91

Amendments to Senate Resolution No. 7 SR 7
First Reading Copy

For the Committee on State Administration

Prepared by David S. Niss
March 15, 1991

1. Page 2, lines 18 and 19.
Strike: lines 18 and 19

2. Page 4, lines 17 and 18.
Strike: lines 17 and 18

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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March 15, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration Senate Resolution No. 7 (first reading copy white), respectfully report that Senate Resolution No. 7 be amended and as so amended be adopted:

1. Page 2, lines 18 and 19.
Strike: lines 18 and 19

2. Page 4, lines 17 and 18
Strike: lines 17 and 18

Signed:

Eleanor Vaughn
Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman

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And. Coord.

Chas. B. 1:10
Sec. of Senate

PRELIMINARY

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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March 18, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration Senate Resolution No. 11 (first reading copy white), respectfully report that Senate Resolution No. 11 be adopted.

Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of March, 1991.
Eleanor Vaughn, Chairman

B. J. S. J.
Amd. Coord.

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Sec. of Senate