

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman, on January 11, 1993, at 8:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Hockett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Francis Bardanouve (D)
Sen. Ethel Harding (R)
Sen. Eleanor Vaughn (D)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: NONE

Members Absent: NONE

Staff Present: Jim Haubein, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Jane Hamman, Office of Budget & Program Planning
Sandra Boggs, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION;
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS;
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; DEPARTMENT
OF STATE LANDS; AND DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY
SERVICES

Executive Action: NONE

Announcements/Discussion:

HEARING ON ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION

Tape No. 1:A:001

Informational Testimony: Tom O'Connell, Administrator of the Architecture and Engineering Division, explained that his Division is responsible for administering the construction of state facilities. He further explained that the only way for state agencies to get approval for facility construction and capital maintenance projects is through the Division and ultimately through the Long-Range Planning Committee. The Division requested proposals from all state agencies for capital improvements and then prioritized them. The Division then makes

recommendations to the committee on which projects should be considered for funding. **EXHIBIT 1** The Capital Construction Program book will be a reference for the committee to use for information on proposals submitted to the Division from various agencies. It includes both those projects recommended for funding by the Division and those projects that did not receive a recommendation.

Mr. O'Connell explained that the Long Range Building Program is made up of the two-cent cigarette tax, state special revenue funds, federal special fund money and other revenue. The LRBP is approximately a \$34 million program. Only \$5.7 million of the program is from the cigarette tax fund. Over \$18 million is state special revenue funds of which the bulk comes from Fish and Wildlife fees; \$5.3 million dollars is from federal special revenue money; and, \$4.5 million is other funds. The significance of the breakdown is that the bulk of the state agencies have to rely on the \$5.7 million from the cigarette tax money, and don't have access to state or federal special revenue money. Consequently many requested projects have to go unfunded. The bulk of the \$34 million being spent in LRBP is being spent in agencies that are able to create their own money for the projects.

Mr. O'Connell reminded the committee that the cigarette tax is \$.18/pack, with 70.89% going to the debt service account, and 29.11% going into the cash account. The debt service account has other sources of income: 8.7% is from individual income tax; and, 10.5% is from corporation license and income tax. What is not needed for retirement of bonds flows into the general fund, therefore every time the committee recommends a bonded program it affects the general fund.

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Mr. O'Connell explained that the 29.11% of the cigarette tax which goes into the cash account is supplemented in a small way by the supervisory fees charged by the A&E Division for projects not funded by the cigarette tax, and by interest earned from short-term investment of the cigarette tax money.

Mr. O'Connell explained to the committee that HB 5 was a mirror of the recommendations contained in the capital construction program. **EXHIBIT 1** The agencies that have to receive all their capital construction funds from the cigarette tax fund have facilities worth \$1.1 billion, and have only \$4 million dollars to be spent on them for maintenance. This means only .19% of the value of the buildings is being spent on them for upkeep and repair. The national figure is 1.5% of the value of a structure for upkeep and repair. **Mr. O'Connell** re-emphasized that too little is being spent on repair and maintenance and the long-term affects of this will be serious.

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Mr. O'Connell referred the committee to **EXHIBIT 2** Capital Construction Program 1994-95 Fact Sheet. This shows the history of the Capital Construction Program back to 1984 and forward into 1995, including figures for the LRBP Fund and other cash projects. The fact sheet also shows the total requests for capital construction, the requests for LRBP or cigarette tax funds and the amount available from the LRBP fund. **Mr. O'Connell** pointed out how the fund has not been able to fund the amount of work requested and needed every year, and how the LRBP fund continues to shrink every year.

Questions, Responses, and Discussion: **REP. FRANCIS BARDANOUVE** questioned why there was an increase in the LRBP funds in 1992-93 and then the fund decreased again to near 1990-91 fund levels. **Mr. O'Connell** replied that part of that increase was due to the Mansfield Foundation returning \$1 Million to the state. The money was originally given to them for construction of a Mansfield Center for Specific Affairs that was never built. In addition, the special sessions during the last year took \$350,000 to supplement some general fund money.

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Mr. O'Connell reminded the committee that the selling of bonds is the only way the state can finance the building of new facilities, and reminded the committee that, although during the last biennium \$61.26 million in bonds were authorized, no bonds have yet been sold. He expects that the planning process and construction of those projects will take another three years. He further explained that his division handles typically 400-500 projects each year. This year they are recommending 53 projects for authorization, then these projects will be broken down into many more sizable projects.

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Mr. O'Connell referred the committee to **EXHIBIT 3** Revenue Estimate Capital Projects Fund 1995 Biennium. This revenue estimate is for the cigarette tax and includes a line item for A&E Division expenditures. The beginning cash balance shows a deficit of \$43,058 due to the Special Session withdrawing \$350,000 from their cash balance for supplanting general fund money for their projects. This deficit will be negated due to reversions that occur through the year.

SENATOR BOB HOCKETT asked if money was included in the budget for litigation and **Mr. O'Connell** informed him that a specific project was being included for litigation and they would be making a presentation on that project to the committee at a later date.

SEN. HOCKETT asked if the A & E Division would be affected by the 5% reduction in personnel, and **Mr. O'Connell** said he believed he

and his 15 employees would be affected.

REP. BARDANOUVE informed the committee that he had heard that a proposal may be made which would take interest earned from all cash accounts and apply it to balance the budget, and that this would affect the A&E Division's recommendations for projects that could be funded.

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Mr. O'Connell reminded the committee at **SEN. HOCKETT'S** prompting that HB 16 and HB 46 could significantly shrink the amount of money available to fund capital construction projects through the LRBP Fund. Therefore the committee will have to eliminate some of the recommended projects. There would also be \$1.8 million in revenue that would be deleted from the debt service fund. At **SEN. ETHEL HARDING'S** request he re-stated that \$800,000 in the cash account and \$1.8 million in the debt service account would be eliminated due to the loss of revenue from the cigarette tax.

Tape 1:A:309

SEN. HARDING asked if any amount of the cigarette tax was going directly to the veteran's home, and **Mr. O'Connell** replied that \$1.9 million had been set aside for building the veterans' home and the rest of the money flows into the cash account and debt service account. **REP. BARDANOUVE** said he could not see the need for having a special fund for operating the Veteran's Home. Once built the Home would be operated by funds from the general fund so there was no need for the special operating fund for the home.

Tape 1:B:437

In reply to **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL'S** question **Mr. O'Connell** said that it was unusual for General Fund money to be used for maintenance projects at facilities across the state. He also said that every year the A&E Division subtracts their Expenditures from the cigarette tax as shown on **EXHIBIT 3**. In response to **REP. BARDANOUVE'S** question, **Mr. O'Connell** said the tax revenues from all other tobacco products goes directly into the debt service account. He said he would provide figures on that revenue to the committee at a later time.

Tape 1:B:200

Informational Testimony: **Jim Whaley**, A&E Division spoke projects. He referred to the capital construction program book **EXHIBIT 1**. He explained the first 20 projects were listed by priority and are funded primarily or exclusively through the LRBF. Agencies that are not funded in this way are not listed by priority, but alphabetically.

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Mr. Whaley explained that university budgets did not include money for major repairs or improvements, and therefore the university must seek capital construction funds for large maintenance projects. He further explained that when auxiliary buildings need maintenance the LRBP fund only partially funds the project and the balance is made up by the university.

Mr. Whaley pointed out that on page 163 of **EXHIBIT 1** the committee could find a list of all the requests made to the Division for funding of capital construction projects.

Tape 1:B:450

Questions, Responses, and Discussion: **REP. BARDANOUVE** wondered why Fish and Game was asking for approval for more projects than they had funding for. **Ms. Jane Hamman, Office of Budget and Program Planning**, explained the governor's office agreed to underfund some projects. They did not want to lose the hard work that was done to identify work which needed to occur at parks throughout the state. She also stated that amendments are being made to HB 5 that will shrink the gap between what is funded and what is not.

Tape 1:B:695

Mr. Whaley said that the University of Montana and the Montana State University have completed the Looped Electrical Distribution Networks. He also said that the roof replacement work done on the Northern Montana College was completed, with some of the cost being picked up by insurance, but that the facility itself is in very bad shape.

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked if the A&E Division got to review the amount of revenue put into maintenance by agencies as he understood lack of maintenance has contributed to many problems. **Mr. Whaley** said no, his agency had no control over that, and that the amount and quality of maintenance varied across the state.

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL expressed his disapproval of the fact that the Great Falls Vo-Tech Center took money out of its maintenance budget to buy additional land. He did not think this was appropriate as the money should have been put to use to care for the facilities presently there. **Mr. Whaley** commented that they had just done major work there, and they do have major maintenance needs. **Mr. O'Connell** said he believed it was the Helena Vo-Tech, not the Great Falls one.

REP. BARDANOUVE wondered if in critical situations the committee could recommend some projects for bonding? **Mr. O'Connell** said that was possible, and that there were certainly more projects than there was money available. **REP. BARDANOUVE** thought the problems would just get worse if left untreated, and suggested that the committee consider recommending bonding for some of the most crucial projects.

SEN. HOCKETT suggested that long-term money saving techniques such as the Montana State University's utilization of waste steam for heating be encouraged. **Mr. O'Connell** said the university would present facts on the money saved when they presented before the committee.

Jim Haubein, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, said the Post-Secondary Education interim committee will recommend a fixed amount of money be set aside by universities for deferred maintenance. He will keep the members aware of their progress on that recommendation. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** said he would like to see agency plans for maintenance.

HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

Tape 2:A:001

Informational Testimony: **Gene Prendergast, Adjutant General for the Department of Military Affairs**, provided written testimony of his opening remarks. **EXHIBIT 4**

Tape 2:A:077

Chris Denning, Facilities Office, DMA, referred the committee to **EXHIBIT 1**, page 23, DMA's proposal for capital construction. The request for \$185,000 for improvements and repairs statewide include: \$75,000 for cleaning up 10 lead contaminated rifle ranges; \$50,000 for replacing the roof of the Billings Armory; and \$60,000 for furnace and boiler replacements at armories across the state.

Questions, Responses, and Discussion: **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked if the DMA had considered using contractors that will sell the lead recovered for profit, and therefore should be expected to be paid less for removing the lead. **Mr. Denning** said the DMA had looked into it but the figures they have provided deal with the actual cleanup costs and not the lead disposal. He said the DMA was pursuing having the contractors that do the work credit the department with money earned from the sale of the recovered lead. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** requested documentation of the transactions.

Tape 2:A:215

REP. BARDANOUVE asked if the DMA had bought land near the Billings Armory as authorized? **Mr. Denning** said the land had been purchased. **Mr. O'Connell** said the DMA was currently looking at a project that would be 100% federally funded, and that the DMA understood the A&E Division would not be providing funds for that project.

In reply to **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL's** request, **Mr. Denning** said Kalispell, Anaconda, Miles City and Billings were the primary Armories that needed furnace and boiler repairs.

Mr. Denning said that the DMA's federal spending authority for

\$300,000 would be spent on new construction to occur primarily at Fort Harrison.

REP. TOM ZOOK asked why the university system was spending \$865,000 for a new boiler system, when the DMA were going to spend \$60,000. It was explained to him that the boilers at the Armories had fewer square feet to heat than the larger university systems.

REP. BARDANOUVE asked if the DMA had the authority to use the repair and maintenance funds in other ways if emergencies came up during the biennium. **Mr. O'Connell** said that it depends on the language of the appropriation bill. The more specific the appropriation, the less likely they are to be able to use funds for unforeseen emergency repairs. He also explained that insurance reimbursements were sometimes available to fund emergency repairs.

SEN. HOCKETT asked why the federal government and the National Guard aren't paying for the asbestos removal. It is a federal mandate that requires removal of the asbestos and the subsequent increased costs. **Mr. O'Connell** said that it depended on the facility, some facilities are 100% federally funded and some are only partially federally funded. **SEN. HOCKETT** also asked why kitchen upgrades were a priority for funding last session and are now a lower priority. **Mr. O'Connell** stated they became a lower funding priority after some funds were lost during the Special Sessions and cutbacks had to be made.

Tape 2:A:571

Informational Testimony: **James Jacobsen, Administrator of Veteran Affairs**, spoke concerning the Montana State Veterans' Cemetery. Legislative appropriated special revenue funds are used for construction, operation and maintenance of the site. The three funds are: veteran license plates, donations and plot allowances. **Bob McKenna, McKenna Consulting Engineers of Helena** brought the committee up to date on the work completed at the Cemetery, as well as plans for the future. **EXHIBIT 5** Master Plan of State Veterans Cemetery. Funds available in 1986 enabled them to complete some work on the site. From 1987 to now no funds have been available for development or maintenance of the site and volunteer labor has been utilized. With the authorization for the sale of veteran license plates funds have become available to continue work on the site, and they now retain a full-time maintenance staff person, and have completed some other projects on the site. **EXHIBIT 1** page 23 shows a request of \$60,000 each in the state and federal special revenue funds. That figure should be updated to \$75,000. The funds raised through the state special revenue funds will be matched by federal special revenue funds.

Mr. McKenna provided the committee with a long-range schedule of enhancements planned for the cemetery **EXHIBIT 6**.

Questions, Responses, and Discussion: In reply to REP. BARDANOUVE'S comments on complaints received from the public on the condition of the cemetery, Mr. McKenna said that now with the hiring of a full-time maintenance person they are receiving compliments as opposed to complaints.

Tape 2:A:172

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked why construction of the irrigation pond was so expensive. Mr. McKenna explained that the pond was a holding pond that gets the water from the wells around the cemetery and then pumps it out into the irrigation system. There is also some concern from adjoining landowners that the ditch not become sediment laden. Construction of a spillway is necessary because of seasonal runoff. The A&E Division will plan construction of the pond.

HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Tape 2:B:006

Informational Testimony: Bill Zucconi, Facilities Management, Department of Transportation, informed the committee the DOT has 140 sites across the state and an excess of 650 buildings across the state valued for insurance purposes at \$55 million. This value is close to cost, not replacement cost. Their proposal asks for \$630,000 to maintain the buildings over next biennium, and \$1.3 million for capital construction. He said most often the equipment housed in storage buildings across the state are far more valuable than the structures they are in. The structures need to be kept up so that the equipment stored within is not put at risk of damage due to unsound facilities.

Questions, Responses, and Discussion: CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked if there were any health and safety problems. Mr. Zucconi said there could be safety problems, but not all the buildings have been checked structurally.

Mr. Zucconi told the committee that the DOT has many needs for repair and maintenance of their buildings. He pared this list down from five bienniums at the same spending rate as discussed here by prioritizing requests within his department. EXHIBIT 1 page 153 provides a narrative description of capital projects proposed. Most are for equipment storage facilities in the western part of Montana where most road construction is happening at this time. One exception is a materials equipment and testing building proposed for Kalispell.

In response to SEN. HARDING'S question, Mr. Zucconi said that the project costs were developed in cooperation with the A&E Division. In response to REP. BARDANOUVE'S question, he explained that the water problem at Havre was the result of a saline seep problem that needs to be addressed.

HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

Tape 2:B:395

Informational Testimony: Randy Mosely, Department of State Lands, testified on behalf of the long-range building request on page 184 of EXHIBIT 1. He provided written copy of his testimony EXHIBIT 7.

Questions, Responses, and Discussion: REP. BARDANOUVE asked if the \$100,000 allocated as a priority by the A&E Division was the only money received as a priority. Mr. Mosely said that was the only project that made the list to be submitted for this biennium. They hope that allocation would take care of the most critical needs for repair and maintenance.

REP. BARDANOUVE asked if any funds were received last session by the DSL. Mr. Mosely said they received approval for three projects last general session: Plains Unit Construction; statewide maintenance and improvement projects; and construction of greenhouses using earmarked revenues from greenhouses. They lost some general funds in the special sessions and therefore had to use more earmarked revenues to operate greenhouses. They are still in midst of maintenance improvement projects authorized last biennium.

In reply to REP. BARDANOUVE'S question, Mr. Mosely confirmed that the only funds they received last session were for maintenance.

HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES

Tape 2:B:632

Informational Testimony: Jesse Munro, Deputy Director, Department of Family Services, explained that their request concerns responses to audits completed by the United States Department of Justice in 1992. The audit found some safety issues that need to be addressed. EXHIBIT 1 Page 32 provides an explanation of problems being addressed, and the estimated costs of the projects. Mr. Munro provided video tapes of Pine Hills and Mountain View Schools for the committee to review at their convenience.

Al Davis, Juvenile Corrections Division, DFS, explained that part of the past year has been spent looking at streamlining the Juvenile Corrections Division by consolidating programs offered by Pine Hills and Mountain View. In the past they have been managed as two different programs, instead of a total system.

Mr. Davis said as a result of this continuing re-evaluation of the program, they are not seeking any funds to address the management shift, but rather just funds to address health and safety issues. DFS has chosen to install sprinkler systems as opposed to constructing new facilities which meet fire and safety regulations.

Mr. Davis said miscellaneous repairs to be made will include: upgrading the boiler systems at both schools; replacing walk-in coolers at Pine Hills; and demolishing buildings that are not being used and are considered a safety hazard.

Tape 2:B:011

Questions, Responses, and Discussion: **SEN. HOCKETT** asked if sale of the brick recovered as a result of the demolition of buildings was a marketable commodity. **Mr. Davis** said it was taken into consideration, but a problem may result due to the amount of asbestos in the building. **Mr. O'Connell** said that when the project is bid the A&E Division would include a contractor salvage clause in the bid.

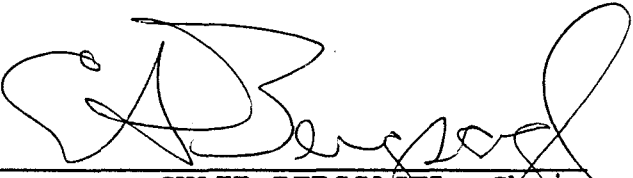
CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL upon finding interest in the committee to view the video tapes on Pine Hills and Mountain View Schools said a viewing time and date would be set.

Mr. Haubein reminded the committee that the DNRC would be presenting a workshop on the Resource Indemnity Trust and Coal Tax Trust fund distributions on Wednesday, January 13, at 7:30 A.M.


Tape 2:B:292

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:55 A.M.



CHAIR BERGSAGEL, Chair



SANDRA BOGGS, Secretary

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

LONG - RANGE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

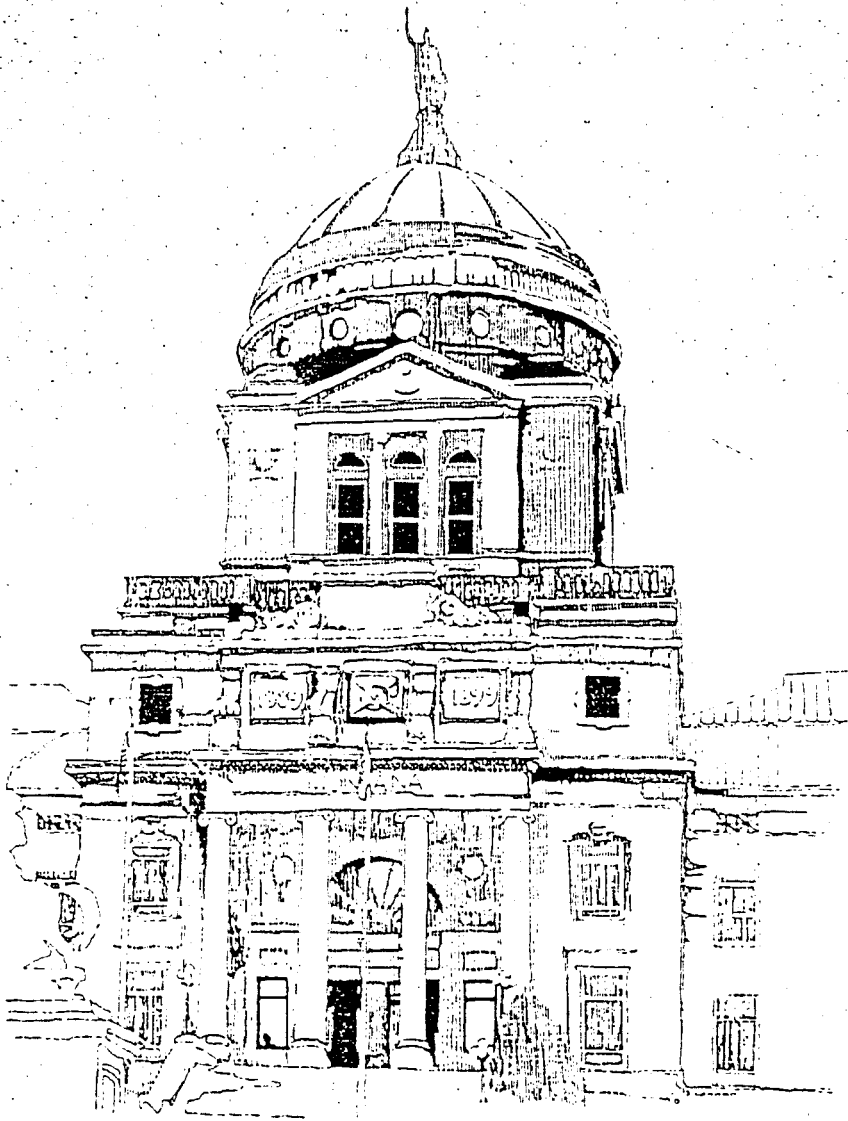
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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SEN. BOB HOCKETT, VICE-CHAIR	✓		
REP. FRANCIS BARDONOUVE	✓		
SEN. ETHEL HARDING	✓		
SEN. ELEANOR VAUGHN	✓		
REP. TOM ZOOK	✓		
REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, CHAIR	✓		

STATE OF MONTANA

Capital Construction Program



Fiscal Years 1994-1995

Exhibit No. 1, "Capital Construction Program -- Fiscal Years 1994-1995" was submitted by the Architecture & Engineering Division of the Department of Administration. The Capital Construction Program reviews all needs of state agencies and University System facilities. The original is stored at the Historical Society at 225 North Roberts Street, Helena, MT 59620-1201. The phone number is 444-2694.

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CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM 1994-95
FACT SHEET

EXHIBIT 2
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Long Range Building Program
1985 Biennium - 1995 Biennium
(Millions)

<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Long Range Building Program Fund</u>	<u>Other Cash Projects</u>	<u>LRBP Bonds</u>	<u>Other Bonds</u>	<u>Total Program</u>
1984-1985	\$10.87	\$15.69	\$36.36	\$3.08	\$ 65.90
1986-1987	\$10.52	\$20.12	\$ 0.00	\$8.55	\$ 39.19
1988-1989	\$ 6.24	\$11.44	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 17.69
1990-1991	\$ 5.51	\$18.20	\$ 0.00	\$3.54	\$ 27.25
1992-1993	\$ 8.03	\$64.21	\$61.26	\$8.67	\$142.17
1994-1995	\$ 5.77	\$28.53	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 34.50

LRBP Requests/LRBPF Revenue
1985 Biennium - 1995 Biennium

<u>Biennium</u>	<u>Total Requests</u>	<u>LRBPF Requests</u>	<u>LRBP Fund</u>
1984-1985	\$118 million	\$ 95 million	\$10.87
1986-1987	\$171 " "	\$136 " "	\$10.52
1988-1989	\$160 " "	\$145 " "	\$ 6.24
1990-1991	\$188 " "	\$150 " "	\$ 5.51
1992-1993	\$318 " "	\$242 " "	\$ 8.03
1994-1995	\$239 " "	\$191 " "	\$ 5.77

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REVENUE ESTIMATE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
1995 BIENNIUM

NOVEMBER 23, 1992

Estimated Beginning Cash Balance	(\$43,058)
Revenues:	
Cigarette Tax	6,846,582
Interest Earnings	400,400
Supervisory Fees & Other	148,000

Funds Available	7,351,924
A & E Expenditures	(1,500,212)
Funds Available For Capital Projects	5,851,712
Proposed Capital Construction Program - LRBPF only	(5,768,536)

Balance Remaining	\$83,176
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Note: A & E expenditures include current and modified budget requests.

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Testimony for the Long Range Building Committee

January 11, 1993

Mister Chairman, members of the committee, for the record, I am MG Gene Prendergast, the Adjutant General for the Department of Military Affairs.

I am delighted to be with you this morning. As a long-time Guardsman and the new Adjutant General of the Montana Army and Air National Guard, I am pleased to give you a quick summary of the oldest fighting force in our national history.

The Guard has been around since the mid 1600's. It has answered many calls to service: from the days of Independence to Desert Storm. We are particularly proud of the fact that we are "citizen soldiers." Most of our members have civilian jobs across Montana and spend two days a month and two weeks of annual training in the Guard.

Our missions are twofold: 1. We belong to Governor Racicot to answer the call as needed in time of state emergency. 2. We are available as part of the "Total Force" if President Bush and soon to be President Clinton need us in a federal status.

We are currently in 26 communities in Montana. We have 3423 Guard members assigned to the Army National Guard and 1087 assigned to the Air National Guard, for a total of 4510 men and women as members of the Montana National Guard.

This contribution equates to State income taxes of 1.23 million.

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In a time marked by the end of the Cold War and the fall of Communism, many see a "peace divided" and a "new world order." A cut in active duty forces has made the headlines. About 25% will likely be the final percentage.

Very little has happened to the National Guard to date. I do not have a crystal ball but here is my assessment:

1. The Guard is cost effective, about 25% of the cost of the active force.
2. The Guard is in thousands of communities, large and small, nationwide. It is integral to the social fabric of many towns and cities.
3. The Guard is available as needed.

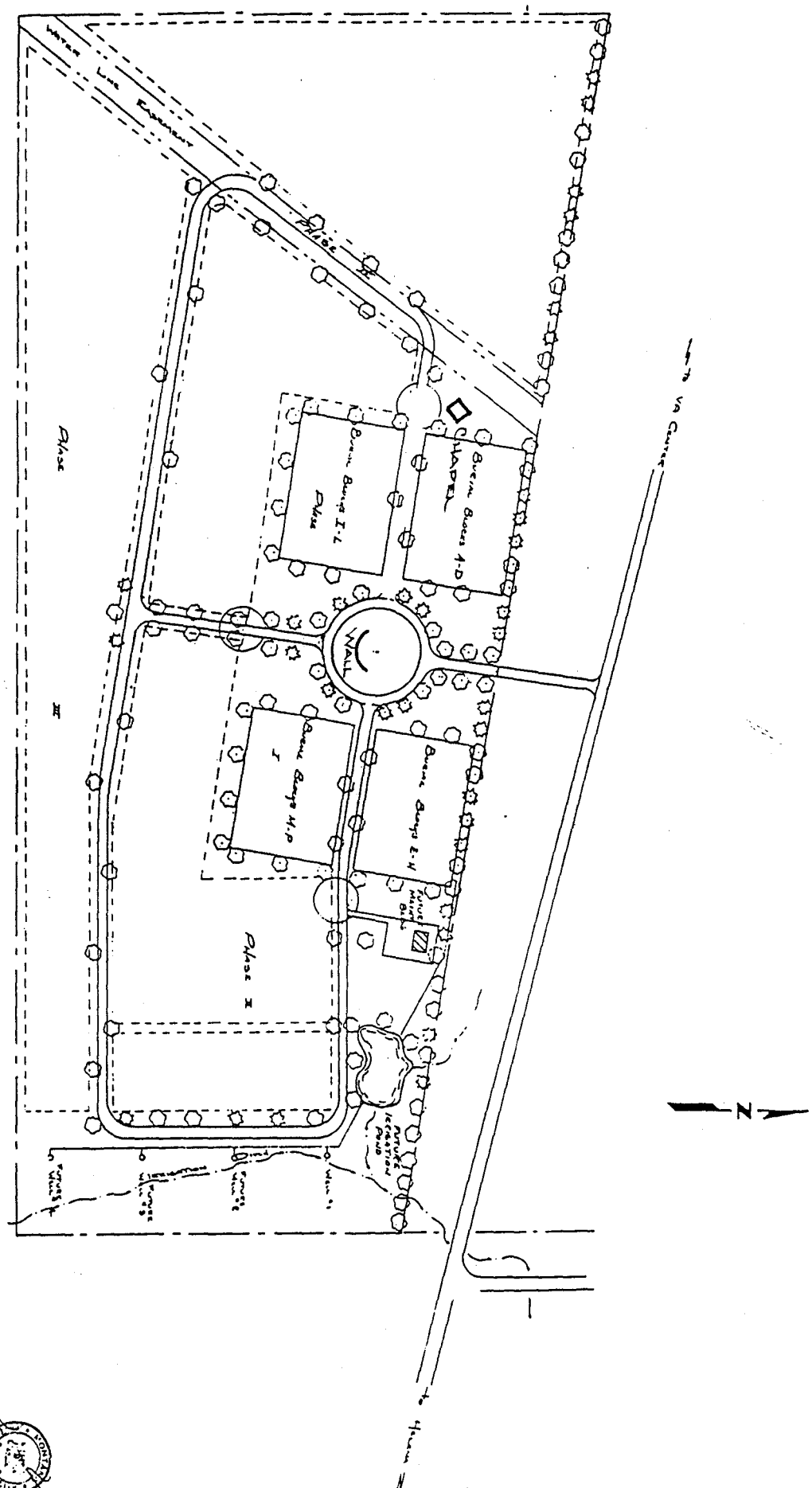
It is too early to tell how President-Elect Clinton will deal with the military. Fact: He was the commander of the Arkansas Guard. he is Guard-focused.

For Montana:

1. We are very much alive and well. We are drilling and training and will continue to do so.
2. In the foreseeable future, the Guard is healthy. We expect some number changes, but not many. We may expect some different types of units over the next several years.

The bottom line: The Montana Army and Air National Guard is proud of its role in Montana. I am dedicated to keeping the Guard strong and ready.

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PROJECT	STATE VETERANS CEMETERY		
DESCRIPTION	SHOWING PHASE I DEVELOPMENT		
LOCATION	FORT HARRISON MONTANA		
DATE	MONTANA DE 01-23-04		
DESIGNED BY	MCKENNA ASSOCIATES		
CHECKED BY	MCKENNA ASSOCIATES		
DATE	1-11-93		
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MONTANA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY ENHANCEMENTS

FY 1994	
Access Road (East loop)	\$25,000
Automated Irrigation System	\$15,000
Pave Circle Road	\$ 5,000
Maintenance Building/Access Walks	<u>\$30,000</u>
	\$75,000
FY 1995	
Pond	\$29,000
Wells/Irrigation Mains	\$31,000
Automated Sprinkler System	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total	\$75,000
FY 1996	
West Loop Road	\$20,000
Wells/Irrigation Mains	\$39,000
Automated Sprinkler System	<u>\$16,000</u>
Total	\$75,000
FY 1997	
Chapel	\$75,000
FY 1998	
Complete Road System, Irrigation System and Landscaping	\$75,000
FY 1999	
Landscaping	\$30,000

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM REQUEST

The Department of State Lands requests your support in the approval and funding of it's request to fund repairs and improvements to state owned facilities.

The Department has responsibilities for managing over 5 million acres of state land to produce income for the various trusts and to protect property and life from wildfire on 5 million acres directly protected and to provide support to counties and other fire fighting organizations when fires exceed their capabilities. These responsibilities require the Department to locate personnel and equipment throughout Montana in eighteen different sites. State owned facilities are located primarily in western Montana and are used by the Department as offices, storage buildings, vehicle sheds, lookout towers, shops, residences and bunkhouses for firefighters. Most of these structures are buildings of wood frame construction that are old, deteriorated, and in need of repair or replacement. Many of the structures were acquired as surplus federal property and placed into additional service by the Department.

Long Range Building Program Funding is needed for existing buildings to correct safety deficiencies and maintenance problems, comply with federal and state regulations and improve their use. A large backlog of maintenance and improvement projects exist. Examples of projects include roof repairs, floor repairs, structural improvements, replacing deteriorated doors, improvements in handicap access, exterior renovations and storage facilities. Some of the projects will receive assistance from the Job Corps to help reduce state costs and provide training opportunities for Job Corps residents. The Statewide Maintenance and Improvement Project will address about one quarter of the projects submitted on the Department's Major Maintenance Plan for the 1994-95 Biennium. It will be used to address the highest priority projects requiring major maintenance this biennium.

Your past support to fund a base level of repairs and improvements has been appreciated. I urge you to continue this support and provide for funding of this project.

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VISITOR REGISTER**

Long Range Planning SUBCOMMITTEE DATE 1/11/83
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