

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Senator Eleanor Vaughn, on February 9, 1993,
at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Eleanor Vaughn, Chair (D)
Sen. Jeff Weldon, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jim Burnett (R)
Sen. Harry Fritz (D)
Sen. John Hertel (R)
Sen. Bob Hockett (D)
Sen. Bob Pipinich (D)
Sen. Bernie Swift (R)
Sen. Henry McClernan (D)
Sen. Larry Tveit (R)
Rep. Norm Wallin (R)
Rep. John Rose (R)
Rep. William Rehbein (R)
Rep. Patrick Galvin (D)
Rep. Ervin Davis (D)
Rep. Bob Gervais (D)
Rep. Richard Simpkins (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Dore Schwinden (D)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Sheila Rice (D)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Wilbur Spring (R)
Rep. Gary Mason (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Sen. Tveit

Staff Present: Sherri Heffelfinger, Legislative Council
Deborah Stanton, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 222
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 222Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Harry Fritz, Senate District #28, presented SB 222 and gave written testimony (EXHIBIT #1).

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Bob Gervais, House District #9, from the Blackfeet Reservation, spoke in support of SB 222. He stated if the committee looks around in the chamber today they will know how Custer felt. He said Indians believe in sharing and as Sen. Fritz said Columbus had his 500 years and the Indians would like the next 500 years. Under the state/tribal cooperative agreement we will renegotiate this holiday 500 years from now. He mentioned Sen. Fritz already said all he wanted to say. He also said Rep. Russell would also like to have given testimony in support of SB 222 but she is unable to be here.

Christine Kaufmann, Executive Director of the Montana Human Rights Network, spoke in support of SB 222 and gave written testimony (EXHIBIT #2).

Jim Morsette from the Rocky Boy Chippewa Tribe spoke in support of SB 222. He said this was a good indication for the 90's and we applaud this effort. It will improve relationships with the government. It will speak on behalf of the State of Montana that we are looking upon a new day. This bill will help alleviate the discrimination of the American Indian people.

Te-Atta Old Bear, Crow Tribe, spoke as a representative of the Tribal Education Department and the Crow Tribal Administration. The tribal officials urge the support of SB 222 as a legal state holiday.

John Walk Man, an artist from the Rocky Boy Reservation, spoke in support of SB 222. He teaches children art and changing Columbus Day to Native American Indian Day will give children something to work with. Passing this bill will let these children know, when they go to school, that the State of Montana is behind them 100%.

Cory Sangray, a senior at Rocky Boy Public School, spoke in support of SB 222. Naming October 12 as American Indian Heritage Day would not only honor Indian people and my native brothers and sisters but would honor our government of which we are all a part of. Instead of naming a day after a starving, lost sailor, be he Italian or German, naming October 12 as American Indian Heritage Day to honor my people and to honor yourself, is to honor a free democratic government, the kind that existed in this country long before Columbus ever arrived.

Mindy Henderson, a sophomore at Rocky Boy Public School, spoke in support of SB 222. Much of our heritage has been lost along the

years. On this day that would be known as American Indian Heritage Day we can celebrate what we have. On this day our elders would be honored.

Yvette Small, an enrolled member of the Chippewa-Cree tribe and a junior at Rocky Boy High school, spoke in favor of SB 222. Native Americans were here first. We deserve the respect and the recognition that this holiday would give the Native Americans.

April Stamper, an enrolled member of the Chippewa-Cree tribe and a junior at Rocky Boy high School, spoke in favor of SB 222. By not acknowledging Native Americans we do a great disservice to all tribes around the world. If the people of the United States can honor an animal by having a special day for them they can certainly honor a whole race of people. Columbus did not discover America. There were already people here so why honor him for something he did not do. He is dead so we obviously don't know if he is really being honored but our culture, our heritage, our tribes, our language and we are not dead and it does matter to us.

Darrin Old Coyote, a member of the Crow Tribe and a senior at Lodge Grass High School, spoke in favor of SB 222 and gave written testimony (EXHIBIT #3).

Corwin Clairmont, from the Salish/Kootenai reservation rose in support of SB 222.

Karleen White Grass and Mike Kitson from Browning High School rose in support of SB 222.

Bonnie Heavy Runner, representing the University of Montana Native American Studies, rose in support of SB 222.

Garrick Hogan, Patrick Stands, Luke De Crane, Sharon Stands, Delon Rock Above and Kolan Good Luck, from Plenty Coups High School, rose in support of SB 222.

Kurrie Jo Small, Colton Herrera, Erlise Martin, Venissa Bird in Ground and Jeri Bends, from Lodge Grass High School, rose in support of SB 222.

Yvette Small, from Rocky Boy High School, rose in support of SB 222.

Paul Hawley, from Harlem High School, rose in support of SB 222.

Dan Flores, professor of western history at the University of Montana spoke as a historian in support of SB 222. History either written or preserved in the oral form of people's traditions is the most direct form of cultural legacy handed down within human society. It is agreed upon that history functions to give people a sense of who they are and the processes that made them. Whatever form it takes it operates most effectively

on people in the form of short and easily digested ideas. These ideas often take the form of symbols that stand for a large and more complex meaning. The Confederated flag is such a symbol. The Alamo is a symbol. Columbus Day has stood as a potent symbol of European history and beginnings of what was called the new world for about a century. From the perspective of a Euro-centric world this was a proper holiday. But in the face of American history that has changed dramatically in the last quarter century it is difficult to stay the same. Columbus Day is another Euro-centric symbol whose function ought to be broadened. For Native Americans Columbus symbolized something very different than what it symbolized for EuroAmericans. Columbus symbolizes for Indians probably the most profound disaster in their history. A State like Montana is a place of genuine Indian country with seven Indian reservations and 6% of the population Native American. American Indian Heritage Day would provide the appropriate symbol by which the people of Montana could celebrate the struggle of the Indian people.

Sharon Stands Over Bull, a teacher at Plenty Coups High School in Pryor, spoke in support of SB 222.

Patrick Stands Over Bull, a teacher at Plenty Coups High School in Pryor, spoke in support of SB 222.

Cathy Morrsette, a teacher at Rocky Boy High School, spoke in support of SB 222.

Bonnie Craig, Director of Native American Studies, University of Montana, spoke in support of SB 222. Support of this bill would send a message to the Montana citizenship that we Indian people matter and that reparation should be made for what history has done to our culture.

Rhonda Langford, a law student at the University of Montana and a member of the Salish/Kootenai tribe, spoke in support of SB 222.

Shannon Myre, a teacher at Two Eagle High School, spoke in support of SB 222. Commemorating Columbus Day continues the tradition of viewing events from one direction, the point of view from those who arrived rather than from those who were here. Commemorating Columbus Day also keeps alive the memory of a man whom legends have inaccurately wrapped in decency. Columbus was far from decent. Accounts of trips to the Western Hemisphere conveniently end after his first voyage before relations turned violent. Columbus made three additional voyages to the islands and spent two years as Governor of the territory he had claimed for Spain. During these years, thousands of children, women and men were ripped from their homes by slavery, broken by torture, or murdered in unspeakable ways. Thousands more died from diseases brought by Columbus. Columbus was cruel and vicious. He was arrested and sent to prison for the brutal crimes he committed while governor and he died in such disgrace that no one today knows where he is buried. It is a mistake to name a day

for such a man. It would be much more appropriate to name a day for the Native Americans. By doing so the State of Montana makes an effort to reacknowledge a people's viewpoint which was ignored the first time in the early morning of October 12, 1492 and has been ignored since then. By abolishing Columbus Day, Montana moves toward abolishing the true legacy of Columbus. That of the disregard of the land and the native populations. This legislature has the opportunity to begin the next 500 years of Indian/White relations in a much more respectful manner.

April Charlo, a student at the Salish/Kootenai High School, spoke in support of SB 222.

Casey Augere, an Assiniboine Indian from Arlee, spoke in favor of SB 222.

Jenifer Ryan, a junior at Arlee High School, spoke in favor of SB 222.

Andy Werk, a student at Hays/Lodge Pole High School, spoke in support of SB 222.

Daylight Horse Capture, Hays/Lodge Pole High School, spoke in support of SB 222.

Cathy Morrsette, a teacher at Rocky Boy High School, spoke in support of SB 222.

Nancy Coopersmith, Office of Public Instruction, spoke in favor of SB 222 and gave written testimony (EXHIBIT #4).

Diane Sands, Montana Women's Lobby, urged support of SB 222. It is an appropriate way to acknowledge the fact that we are living on Indian land.

John MaLee, Montana Federation of Teachers and the Montana Federation of Public Employees, rose in support of SB 222.

Tootie Welker, Montana Alliance for Progressive Policy, spoke in support of SB 222.

Kathleen Fleury, Coordinator for Indian Affairs and a member of the Little Shell Tribe spoke on behalf of Assiniboine/Sioux Tribe in support of SB 222. The high schools in attendance are: the Browning High School, the Hays/Lodge Pole High School, Harlem High School, Heart Butte, Lodge Grass Indian Clubs, Plenty Coups, Arlee High School and the Chippewa-Cree Rocky Boy High School. The State of Montana in the 52nd Legislature, passed HJR 32 which urged Montanans to affirm the cultural contributions of Native Americans on Columbus Day. This bill was introduced by the three Native American legislators, Rep. Bob Gervais, Rep. Angela Russell, Sen. Bill Yellowtail and was supported by the House and the Senate. This bill recognized and observed Native American contributions and affirmed the commitment to honoring Indian

treaties and to respect the inherent sovereignty dignity and cultural uniqueness of this nation's first Americans.

Phil Campbell, Montana Education Association, spoke in support of SB 222. This action is long overdue and we strongly urge consideration and passage of SB 222.

Sen. Vaughn asked all who were in favor of this bill to stand.

Opponents' Testimony:

Rep. Joe Quillici, HD #71, spoke in opposition to SB 222. He stated he was not opposing Native American Heritage Day. If this Legislature wanted to have this day he would vote for and support it in any way he could. He stated the Italians have always celebrated this day as their Italian Heritage Day. He stated he was in support of giving the Native Americans a day in addition to Columbus Day.

Jeff Pennington, Pastor of Mountain View Church, spoke in opposition to SB 222 and gave written testimony (EXHIBIT #5).

Dan Sellars stated he was representing the American public and the Constitution of the United States and gave written testimony (EXHIBIT #6).

Mike Micone stated he did not feel comfortable following the previous speaker because he did not feel this was a case of Indian versus White. This legislation deals with an event. This is not Columbus versus Native Americans. He takes exception with the manner in which Sen. Fritz has pitted those who have supported Columbus Day against Native Americans. He urged the committee to defeat SB 222 but if the committee chooses to designate a day of recognition for Native Americans that they select another day.

Rick DeMotto, Pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, spoke in opposition to SB 222. He stated he felt uncomfortable after listening to Mr. Sellars. He said he did not want to be insensitive to anyone at the hearing but it is impossible to give all ethnic groups in the country a day of their own. How many laws need to be on the books to recognize any group. Columbus did not know he was going to bring as many problems to America as he did. We need to learn to live in peace.

Albert Nikalucci, spoke as a private citizen in opposition to SB 222. This legislation merely robs Peter to pay Paul. It is bad politics and bad for human rights. If you want to recognize the Native Americans in the State of Montana a different day should be selected. An established holiday should not be taken away from one group and given to another group. There is a difference between human rights and celebrating either a people's concept of human rights and their contributions to a culture versus just being positive and taking something away from someone else. He

urged the committee to recognize Native Americans and give them a day of their own.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

Sen. Weldon commented on the presence of the many high school students and asked Sen. Fritz what revisionist history is and what way does SB 222 rewrite history. Sen. Fritz said it would take a philosopher to answer that question. All history is revisionist. History contrary to popular opinion is not simply a set of recognized names, dates and events. History deals with the meaning or significance of the past and that always changes as we reflect our current concerns. There is no greater truism in the writing of history in that each generation rewrites the past in light of its current concerns. The term revisionist at present means that we have been moving away from what has been for generations a Euro-centric and male dominated approach to history to one which is far more inclusive of other cultures, genders and ethnic groups. This is neither wrong or right, it simply represents the view we have of current society and therefore of the past.

Sen. Swift stated there were a number of comments on why we have to delete Columbus Day or any other holiday we now have and we have been celebrating, and in contrast to that, why don't we take the position of giving the Native Americans their special commemorative day or week such as was presented in the discussion without detracting from the other situation. The key point was the affirmative action. That stems from the civil rights act. With the Constitution the way it is, we already recognize what is featured in this bill. He asked Sen. Fritz to comment on that without possibly creating some racial overtones that are beginning to show up stronger than they have in the past years. Sen. Fritz said in a very practical sense, if Sen. Swift would like to carry the bill which adds a paid state holiday to the current list of paid holidays, he has more courage than Sen. Fritz. In response to the second part of the question, it is more proper to reflect our common heritage than it is a Euro-centric point of view. As Sen. Weldon's question implied, our common history and heritage has far more to do with Native Americans. They are playing a far more important role in the history of the last 500 years. A generation ago you could pick up an American History textbook and not read a line about Native American contributions to American civilization. Native Americans appear in American History textbooks as enemies, primitives, savages lurking in the woods and killing innocent settlers. We're dealing with a population of probably 75 million people in the New World at the time of the arrival of Columbus with many thousands of years of history inherited behind them, with scientific agricultural engineering achievements which match or even exceeded those of Europe, a process that took over 400 years and is still continuing in the Amazon jungles of Brazil, and of interaction between those people. That is the centerpiece

of our history and that is what has happened and that is what this holiday is intended to recognize.

Sen. Swift stated the direction is really to recognize everyone, whether its ethnic, Native American or otherwise. The major thrust should be to recognize the freedom of expression of everyone in these United States and every ethnic group we have. He stated he appreciated the comments from everyone on both sides of the issue.

Sen. Simpkins stated he was disturbed by comments from Ms. Kaufmann and other people on such things as efforts to eliminate a culture and suppression when our Constitution specifically state that we have an educational goal and commitment to preserve the cultural integrity of the American Indians and yet we have words such as "continuing to suppress and to eliminate the culture." He asked Ms. Coopersmith if the school system was abiding by the Constitution. Ms. Coopersmith said the school systems were following the Constitution. The Office of Public Instruction's position is that with the largest minority in Montana being Indian people, we should support recognition of that culture. Rep. Simpkins said it seems like we have been doing that and we wouldn't need a special holiday because we should have been recognizing that in the school system already. It seems that the holiday does not meet the requirements of the Constitution and that is why he was concerned to hear this talk from high school students using this terminology and yet the reservation schools are part of the school systems. Ms. Coopersmith said from the Office of Public Instruction's viewpoint we are recognizing Indian people every day. They believed it was appropriate, because Indian people are the largest minority in the state, to add a holiday in commemoration of them and their efforts.

Rep. Gervais stated that two session ago there was a bill in the education committee establishing Native American studies in the State of Montana and he asked Rep. Simpkins how he voted on that bill. Rep. Simpkins said he could not recall but he was sure Rep. Gervais could. Rep. Gervais said he could and Rep. Simpkins voted against the bill. Rep. Simpkins said he voted that way because he felt it was up to the Indian tribes to bring their culture into the school system and it was not necessary to fund a different program.

Sen. Wallin asked Sen. Fritz if we would be bashing Eric the Red also since he was the first one here. Sen. Fritz said this bill does not bash anyone. He said we can't blame Columbus for what happened over the next 500 years and neither would he take on Eric the Red.

Sen. Wallin asked if Sen. Fritz believed that it was inevitable that someone else other than Columbus would discover America. Sen. Fritz said it was quite probable, all but certain, that America was discovered by any number of travelers and visitors in

the centuries before Columbus. There is evidence of Asian, African and numerous European discoveries before Columbus. Columbus is the first one that had a tremendous impact on the known world. That is why we afford him the distinction.

Sen. Weldon asked Sen. Fritz if this bill would undermine the influence of Columbus or in some way we would forget Columbus. He asked if Sen. Fritz knew how many nameplaces there are named Columbus or Columbia. Sen. Fritz answered that this bill will not detract from the significance of Columbus or of the discovery because it will still be celebrated on the 2nd Monday in October. And we have many reminders of the impact of Columbus particularly since most of the regulations we abide by come out of the District of Columbia.

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Fritz thanked the committee for the kind of hearing that probably won't be replicated this session. This bill will have a particularly appropriate significance for Montana. We all live on land that was once inhabited by Native Americans and much of our early history, our first 100 years of history is intimately connected with Native Americans. Two of the great symbolic events which symbolize Native American resistance to European advances, Custer's Last Stand, and the Nez Perce Retreat occurred in Montana. His point is that this is not a Native American holiday. We are not giving Native Americans a holiday of their own as so many people intimated. We are creating a Montana holiday. A holiday for all Montanans. This holiday change is inclusive, not exclusive. We currently have an exclusive holiday. We have a holiday which alienates a good portion of the people. We should not continue a holiday which antagonizes so many of our citizens. Not simply Native Americans but growing numbers of others. Columbus Day is kind of a power trip. It commemorates what for many of our citizens, Native Americans and others, is the bitterest history and heritage. We should simply change that. Our understanding of history and culture is changing and this proposed holiday switch will enable us all to concentrate on our common history, because only through understanding can we begin the process of healing.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 p.m.



SENATOR ELEANOR VAUGHN, Chair



DEBORAH STANTON, Secretary

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ROLL CALL

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Sen. Henry McClernan	✓		
Sen. Bob Pipinich	✓		
Sen. Bernie Swift	✓		
Sen. Larry Tveit		✓	
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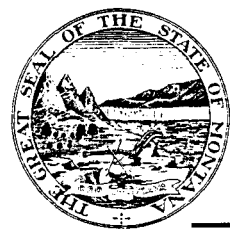
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BILL NO. SB 222

**TESTIMONY OF SENATOR HARRY FRITZ, SPONSOR,
SENATE BILL 222, AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY,
BEFORE THE COMBINED SENATE AND HOUSE STATE
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES**

Madame Chair Vaughn of the Senate State Administration Committee;
Mr. Chairman Simpkins of the House State Administration Committee;
members of the respective State Administration Committees.

Senate Bill 222 can be stated simply: it changes Columbus Day to
American Indian Heritage Day.

It does not change the day of the holiday. Native American
Heritage Day will be celebrated on the second Monday in October.

We all know that Columbus discovered America on the second Monday
in October.

I use the term "discovery" advisedly.

We all know that in one sense it was impossible for Columbus to
have "discovered" America.

"America" had been "discovered" many thousands of years earlier and
was home to many millions of peoples. One-seventh of the world's
population lived in the Western Hemisphere in 1492.

North America had been visited by the Vikings in the 10th century
and very probably by numerous other travellers from Europe, Africa,
and Asia.

But there is another meaning of the term "discovery". It means an
encounter with something unknown to the visitor. For example, I
"discovered" a quaint little tavern in downtown Helena last night.

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I'm sure it was there before I encountered it, and that others knew of its existence, but for this visitor it constituted an important personal "discovery".

Members, this bill changes the name but not the date of this holiday.

It should not be construed as an effort to denigrate the importance of the discovery of America, nor as an attack upon Christopher Columbus.

I do not buy into the current, popular denigration of Columbus.

It's wrong to blame anyone for the future, and it's simply ahistorical to blame Columbus for everything that's happened, good and bad, over the last 500 years.

Christopher Columbus was not a great man, but he personifies a great event.

The discovery of America in 1492 was a great event, perhaps the most influential single event of the last 1,000 years.

The discovery of America brought to a climax the experiences of the previous five hundred years; it created the modern world as we know it. The discovery of America is the Event of the Millennium.

But Columbus discovered America by accident. He did not set out to prove the world was round. Everyone knew the world was round. The flat earth theory was invented in the 19th century by the American author Washington Irving.

Columbus seriously underestimated the width of a degree of longitude, and thus the circumference of the earth. He could not persuade wiser people to sponsor his expedition for years, because they all knew he was wrong. It was impossible, given the navigational technology of 1492, to sail from Spain to Cipango.

Had Columbus not bumped into the unknown American land mass, about one-third of the way to Cathay, he and his crew would surely have perished.

Columbus made four trips to the Caribbean, but never understood that he had found a New World. That's why the two continents in the Western Hemisphere are not North and South Columbia. They are named after Amerigo Vespucci, who first figured out that these unknown lands actually blocked the way to Asia.

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A great event, not a great man. But, however inappropriate, Christopher Columbus has had his hour of glory, his five hundred years in the sun.

It is time, not to run down Columbus or to denigrate the importance of 1492, but to change the angle of vision, to shift attention, away from Columbus the man to the land that he found and the people who lived here.

It is time to celebrate the remarkable American civilizations that existed here before the arrival of Columbus.

It is time to appreciate the devastating impact that European conquest and disease had upon Native American populations and culture - a demographic disaster whose extent and implications are only beginning to be revealed.

Ninety percent of some 75 million people were destroyed in virgin soil epidemics; whole tribes, cultures, and languages were exterminated.

When we consider simply the loss of human lives, not only Native American lives but also African lives lost in the Middle Passage and to slavery, and European lives lost to epidemiological factors, the settlement of America cannot be called a net benefit to mankind until sometime in the 19th century.

It is time to emphasize, not what the Old World brought to the New, but what the New World gave to the Old.

It is time to recognize Native American contributions to the health and welfare of the people of the world, in the foods and medicines found first in the New World.

Two of the four basic foodstuffs on this planet - corn and potatoes - were first cultivated by Native Americans in the New World and were unknown elsewhere before 1492. (The other two are wheat and rice).

Can we imagine modern cuisine without corn, potatoes, tomatoes (what did the Italians eat before America?), bell and chili peppers, vanilla and chocolate, beans, pumpkins, peanuts, pineapples, petunias, sunflowers, quinine and, yes, tobacco.

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It is time to appreciate Native American efforts at ecological balance; their reverence for God's creatures wild and free; the gender relationships and child-rearing practices found in their societies; their religious world views; the federal arrangements which united disparate bands into tribal governments; the networks of trade and communication that created literally a continental market.

Most modern American cities and highways are superimposed upon Indian village sites and trails.

Without Indian precedents, the development by Europeans of the North American continent would have been delayed by about two centuries.

Above all, this holiday would celebrate Native American survival, after four centuries of conquest, Samana Key to Wounded Knee.

This tremendous renaissance of Native American people and culture, after a time early in this century when Indian people were widely believed to be disappearing, when a profile of the last Indian was placed on the buffalo nickel, when Indian people were known as the Vanishing Americans, is truly a cause for celebrating and rejoicing.

Native American Heritage Day is particularly appropriate for Montana.

We all live on land taken from Indian people, who remain our largest minority population.

All of the major events in Montana's early history are intimately associated with Native Americans, including the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the era of the fur trade, the Pioneer period of settlement and expansion.

The two great modern symbols of Indian resistance to white encroachment occurred in Montana- Custer's Last Stand and the Nez Perce Retreat.

Finally, committee members, American Indian Heritage Day should not be construed as an Indian holiday, a holiday we give to Native Americans.

It should be a Montana holiday, for all Montanans. This bill is inclusive, not exclusive.

Columbus Day is exclusive. I do not think we should continue a holiday which antagonizes so many of our citizens - Native Americans and others.

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Columbus Day alienates too many people. It celebrates, in part, the bitterest possible heritage, of conquest and dissolution.

Our understanding of American history and culture is changing. The Native American experience is now the central theme of our history. This holiday will enable us all to reflect on our common history, and to understand it, for only understanding can bring healing.

Thank you.

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 2-9-93

BILL NO. SB 222

Testimony in favor of SB 222
by the Montana Human Rights Network

My name is Christine Kaufmann. I am the Executive Director of the Montana Human Rights Network. The Network was formed in 1990 to counter the growing presence and hate-filled activities of white-supremacists in Montana and to encourage and celebrate diversity. There is no question but that organized hate activity is increasing. One way to send a symbolic message to these groups--to let them know that Montanans appreciate and value diversity--is to name an official holiday for the state's largest ethnic minority, the American Indians. In keeping with our mission, the Montana Human Rights Network urges you to pass SB 222.

Holidays are symbols. They are symbols of big things--such as the independence of our nation, recognition of those who have lead our nation through hard times, and the recognition of those who fought and died to preserve our freedom. Two years ago we chose to celebrate the concept of civil rights, by adopting the Martin Luther King Jr holiday in honor of one who lived and died for justice.

But what does Columbus Day symbolize? I don't know if Columbus himself was a good man or an evil man. More than likely he was simply a product of his time, who accidentally stumbled across a continent. His arrival, however, marks the beginning of a policy of genocide that lasted several hundred years; the beginning of a conscious effort to eliminate a culture. Today, the effects of those policies are still evident. Everytime we celebrate Columbus day, we reinforce the message behind those policies.

Montana would not be the first state to adopt an official state holiday honoring American Indians. Our progressive neighbors to the east--South Dakota--have already adopted Native American Day which is celebrated on the 2nd Monday in October. They changed the name of the holiday at the same time they passed the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, one year before Montana in 1990. During the discussion on Montana's Martin Luther King Day Holiday, the idea for recognizing an Indian Heritage Day was suggested by former Senator Jerry Noble. Montana didn't take that next step as did South Dakota, but perhaps now in 1993--just following the 500 anniversary of Columbus' arrival, a year which the United Nations has established as the Year of the Indigenous Peoples--the legislature will convey this simple and symbolic honor on those people who have been forced to share their homeland with all of us. At the same time, the legislature will send a message to hate groups that we value diversity and the rich cultural heritage of the Montana's first residents.

EXHIBIT NO. 3

DATE 2-9-93

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GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DARRIN OLD COYOTE, MY CROW
 NAME IS _____, WHICH MEANS "ONE WHO HAS A GOOD
 DRUM", I AM A MEMBER OF THE CROW NATION, LOCATED IN
 SOUTHEASTERN MONTANA. I AM ALSO CURRENTLY A SENIOR AT LODGE
 GRASS HIGH SCHOOL.

I'VE COME TO YOU THIS MORNING, TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT
 SENATE BILL #222, THE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY BILL
 BEING INTRODUCED TO YOU.

WE AS NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE STILL VERY STRONG IN
 OUR LANGUAGE, CEREMONIES, DANCES AND CLANSHIP. AS A YOUNG
 PERSON, GROWING UP, I SAW HOW STRONG OUR CULTURE WAS AND IS
 THROUGH OUR DAY TO DAY LIFE BACK HOME ON THE RESERVATION.
 WE ARE TAUGHT AS YOUNG, THE RESPECT OF THE LAND AND THE
 SACREDNESS OF LIFE. OUR SPOKEN LANGUAGE OF CROW TELL US OF
 OUR HERITAGE THROUGH STORIES AND SONGS, ^{INSERT PAGE 2} THE DANCES CONNECT
 US WITH OUR SPIRITUAL CONNECTION TO "FIRST MAKER".

THESE ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I IN TURN WILL
 TEACH AND SHARE TO MY FELLOW PEERS AND RELATIVES AND ALL WHO
 ARE WILLING TO LEARN. WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED BY OUR ELDERS
 TO ACHIEVE AN EDUCATION, THAT WITHOUT IT WE CAN NOT BE
 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MAINSTREAM SOCIETY.

SO, AS YOU CAN SEE WE WALK ON A BALANCED ROAD OF
 DIVERSITY, ^{AND} THAT OF BEING A NATIVE AMERICAN AND THAT OF BEING
 A CITIZEN OF THESE UNITED STATES. I, AS A YOUNG CROW MAN
 HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO MY ELDERS AND TO THE FUTURE

The songs - one words from the past
brought to us through. The 7 men
which is the heart beat of all nations
people. Jim O'Brien tells us when you
sing you must sing from the heart
and you must sing for the people for
their enjoyment and to help them in
every way possible. This we try to remember
at all times. Although sometimes it is
difficult, still yet singing does something
good to us it touches our hearts and helps
something good within our souls.

GENERATIONS. I STAND BEFORE YOU HERE TODAY VERY PROUD OF WHO I AM AND WHERE I COME FROM. THE CROW NATION.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO QUOTE THE GREAT ARTIST C.M. RUSSELL: "THE RED MAN WAS THE TRUE AMERICAN, THEY HAVE ALMOST GONE, BUT THE HISTORY OF HOW THEY FOUGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY IS WRITTEN IN BLOOD, A STAIN THAT TIME CANNOT GRIND OUT. THE SUN WAS THEIR GOD, THEIR CHURCHES ALL OUTDOORS, NATURE WAS THEIR BOOKS AND THEY KNEW ALL IT'S PAGES"

Exhibit 3
2-9-93
SB-222

I ASK FOR YOU TO CONSIDER AND TO ACCEPT AND PASS SENATE BILL #222 - NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY. A-HO!

Testimony related to Senate Bill SB 222

My name is Nancy Coopersmith, administrator of the Department of Accreditation and Curriculum Services, Office of Public Instruction.

Superintendent Nancy Keenan and the Office of Public Instruction staff strongly support SB 222, an act which replaces Columbus Day with American Indian Heritage Day.

It is appropriate and important that the Legislature of the State of Montana honor and celebrate Montana's American Indians with the designation of a holiday and commemorative day for public schools, *American Indian Heritage Day*. One of the ways that the broad American culture demonstrates value is through the designation of holidays (of time set aside and title given) to pay tribute to portentous events, courageous individuals, and significant contributions by groups of people in the creation of the American past, present, and future.

The first inhabitants of this great land were groups of people, not named as one, but separate tribes and clans of people with identified cultures and strong complex societies. Some of the ancestors of the first inhabitants live within the borders of Montana. Their societies are as diverse today as in the past, their cultures rich in art, music, diplomacy, pageantry, history, and vision.

As a nation we are calling for recognition of cultural diversity, for in the American society, of which American Indians are valued citizens, diversity is our cultural context; we are a pluralistic nation.

Giving tribute to groups who have in the past been overlooked is vital to validating the individuals of those groups. The foundation of our democratic republic rests on the profound principle of honor and respect for every citizen.

It is appropriate to designate a holiday to the American Indians, because of many, many reasons.....

In recognition of their status as the first inhabitants;

In recognition of their many contributions to Montana and the American culture:

Art: Beading, quill-making, leather tanning, developing intricate designs and motifs, and the contributions of visual artists (modern and traditional);

Government: Democracy and consensus building;

Literature: Oral tradition, storytelling, and modern writers;

Music: Pow Wow singing and dancing, traditional music, French ballads, drumming, and flute playing; and

Education: Learning through observation and practice.

In addition, a change needs to take place in how we celebrate. It is time to retell the stories of our history from multiple points of view, to recognize the frame of reference of each telling. We must pay attention to the authors of history. Educators today must teach young people to gather information from a variety of sources, to critically analyze and evaluate the data, and to create hypotheses or conclusions based on their study of the event. No longer can we blindly accept the heroic status placed upon any individual, group, or event without considering the complexity of the situation, the other people involved, the environmental impact, and the time and place.

In the academic and social structures of our schools, we find it vital to include and make visible all the cultures within our communities and state. Such is the call of our pluralistic society. The first step in celebrating our pluralism in Montana is the designation of American Indian Heritage Day. What ought to follow is the acknowledgment and validation of all of Montana's cultures as a move to recognize our commonality as well as celebrate our diversity.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these thoughts with you. Please consider a "do pass" recommendation for SB222.

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 5

DATE 2-9-93

BILL NO. SB 222

NAME Pastor Jeff Pennington

ADDRESS 625 Linden St, Helena, MT

HOME PHONE 443-6251 WORK PHONE _____

REPRESENTING _____

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? SB 222

DO YOU: SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

Christopher Columbus by his own words said, "It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) ... there is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit." I object to his landing in our land being called an "accident" for that denies the roots of our godly heritage + providential history. I am not a European ~~descendant~~, I am an American as native as any other. In the words of our great Emancipator -- "as a nation, united we stand -- divided we fall." We do not need more holidays, more history revision to bind together our fragmented society; we are a nation at war with itself. We must start working + living together as a united people. We must lay down individual rights for the rights of the corporate good. We must be again the melting pot where we pledge our allegiance to none other but to be one nation under God. Setting special days + select rights for certain groups causes the distinctions + animosity to new heights. Please seriously check out the history of Columbus + our Providential not accidental history before you choose to rob us of more of our heritage. Instead of tampering with our history let there be proclaimed a Native American Week in Montana as we do for other people groups.

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SB 222

2-8-93

Daniel W. Sellen

Representing the American Public

I strongly urge you to reject this subversive and racist bill! This bill clearly brings out the treasonous and racist agenda of some Indian ^(leaders) people and their supporters.

These people are trying to belittle and slander many of Americas honorable men, such as Christopher Columbus. ~~the~~ Columbus and his crew provided the opportunity that brought many improvements and blessings to America. These improvements included: a better quality of life for both Indians and Europeans alike, advanced technology and medical care, Christianity and the respect for human life & property.

I can't believe the deception and double standard of Mr Fritzy & the backers of this bill. These people would whine and protest like crazy, and cry "race discrimination", if I were to introduce

a bill demanding a public holiday called "White American Heritage Day" yet they have the gall to demand special honor & treatment for just the Indian race, as if they are more deserving than of a special day than the other races that make up the U.S.A.

I am sure you all remember that some Indian tribes were at war with the rest of America, just a little over 100 years ago. Now ~~there~~ ^{some} people some of these people expect the rest of the nation to honor them. Amazing, isn't it.

If the Indians or any other racial group thinks it needs to have a special day to honor their race, then let them do that at their own expense and time. Not at the expense and insult to the rest of the American people or taxpayers.

Our government has no business supporting any race or organization that divides Americans, as this bill does. America is made up of all races, and all races have contributed both good and bad to our society. We must be united as Americans, not as Indians, Germans, Latin's ect.

Now! is the best time to snuff ~~and~~ out the arrogance and send a strong message to the people pushing this type of anti-American legislation, without any further consideration.

Thank You For Your Time

Sincerely,

Dan Sellers
538-7634

NAME Mette Fay Small
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REPRESENTING Rocky Boy High School - Chippewa - CRE
APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? Senate bill #222
DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Andy Wurtz

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REPRESENTING Harlem Lodge Pole High School

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? Bill 222

FOR Bellmoy Agency

DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Daylight Horse Capture

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REPRESENTING Hay Lodge Polo High School

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? Bill 222 ^{Food Bank}
Agency

DO YOU: SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Mindy Henderson
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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? Senate Bill #222
DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Cony Sangrey
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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? Senate Bill NO. 222
DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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NAME PAULA HAWLEY

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REPRESENTING HARLEM HIGH SCHOOL

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? Bill 222

DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? S Bill #222

DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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COMMENTS:

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DO YOU: SUPPORT Y OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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COMMENTS:

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NAME Corwin Clairmont

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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? SB 222

DO YOU: SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

As a citizen of the U.S. & State of Montana,
member of the Salish + Kootenai Tribes
I would urge you to support bill
222. As an educator and Indian
it would be a step forward to
support this bill and reverse the
mythology of Columbus. "Submeloc"

Truth in Education
for a cultural understanding
& brotherly support & love of
one another.

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NAME April Stamper

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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? Senate Bill # 222

DO YOU: SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? Senate Bill # 222
DO YOU: SUPPORT X OPPOSE AMEND

COMMENTS:

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NAME Darrin Old Coyote

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REPRESENTING Lodge Grass High School

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? SBill #222

DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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NAME Karleen Whitegrass - Mike Kitson
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HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE 338-2745
REPRESENTING Browning High School
APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? SB 222
DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

Short expression on why it is
important to youth to change day.

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NAME Bonnie HEAVY Runnel CRAIG
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REPRESENTING U/11- N/A S
APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? EB 222
DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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NAME Jacqueline Hogan

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REPRESENTING Plenty Cops High School

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? SB 222

DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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NAME Patrick Stands
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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? SB 222
DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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NAME Luke De Crane

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REPRESENTING Plenty Coups High School

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COMMENTS:

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NAME Sharon Stands

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COMMENTS:

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NAME Delon Rock Above

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HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

REPRESENTING Plenty Coups H.S.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? _____

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COMMENTS:

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NAME Kolan Good Luck

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HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

REPRESENTING Plenty Coups H.S.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? SB 222

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COMMENTS:

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NAME Kurrie Jo Small

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REPRESENTING Lodge Grass High School

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? SB Bill #222

DO YOU: SUPPORT OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

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DATE 2-9-93

SENATE COMMITTEE ON State Administration

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY: SB 222

Name	Representing	Bill No.	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Mark Farwell	Plenty Coups H.S.	SB 222	X	
Tolan Wood Luck	Plenty Coups H.S.	SB 222	X	
Darrick Hogan	Plenty Coups H.S.	SB 222	X	
Scott Christ			X	
Jul Pante	self	SB 222		X
HELEN FLEURY	INDIAN ALLIANCE	SB 222	X	
JOAN ASSINI Baine-Singer				
Dan Sellers	the American public	SB 222		✓
Totter Welker	MAPP	SB 222	✓	
Bonnie CRAIG	UIM - N A S	SB 222	✓	
RHONDA LANIK FORD	CONF. SALISH + KOT.	SB 222	✓	
Mary Cooper Smith	o P I	SB 222	X	
Don Flores	Univ. of Montana	SB 222	X	
Karleen White GRASS	Browning High School	SB 222	X	
Hiko Katsun	Browning High School	SB 222	X	
Kate Cholewa	self		X	

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Shannon Riley	Two Eagle River School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
April Charlo	Ailee H.S.	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K.C. Azure	" "	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Ryan	" "	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Tanner	" "	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUNSHINE MORSETTE	ROCKY BOY	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CALVIN MORSETTE	ROCKY BOY	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uyette F. Small	Rocky Boy	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul J. Stamper	Rocky Boy	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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RUBY YELLOWTAIL	LODGE GRASS HIGH SCHOOL	SB 222	X	
CHELSEA ROWLAND	"	"	X	
PATRICIA REAL BIRD	"	"	X	
NEVA TAIL BEAR	"	"	X	
KATERI GUST	"	"	X	
SYLVAN COVERS UP	"	"	X	
CARL EASTMAN	"	"	X	
SHANNON YELLOWTAIL	"	"	X	
CLINTON NOMEZ	"	"	X	
JASON BIRD IN GROUND	"	"	X	
NEIL WHITE HIP	"	"	X	
LYLE BACK BONE	"	SB 222	X	
John Maler	M.F.T / M.F.S.F.	"	X	
Teresa Cunningham	St. Louis County HS.	SB 222	X	
Karin Backbone	"	"	X	
James Bond Jones	"	"	X	

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ALPHA OLD COYOTE	LODGE GRASS HIGH SCHOOL	SB#222	X	
BUDINE BENDS	"	SB#222	X	
ADA RIDES HORSE	"	SB#222	X	
DARREL BENDS	"	SB#222	X	
DARRIN OLD COYOTE	"	SB#222	X	
ERUSE MARTIN	"	SB 222	X	
COLTON HERRERA	"	SB 222	X	
VENISSA BIRDIN GROUND	"	SB 222	X	
JERI BENDS	"	SB 222	X	
KURRIE JO SMALL	"	SB 222	X	
DAWN PLENTY HOOPS	"	SB 222	X	
KATERI GUST	"	SB 222	X	
RAHONDA RIDES HORSE	"	SB 222	X	
KIM BRIEN	"	SB 222	X	
JAMIE BRIEN	"	SB 222	X	
CRESCENTIA CUMMINS	"			

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			Support	Oppose
Paula Hawley	Harlem High School	222	X	
Mena Limpy	"	"	X	
Heather Small	"	"	X	
Josh Rutherford	"	"	X	
Shane Beaumont	"	"	X	
Brandon Spencer	"	"	X	
Te-Attu Old Bear	Crow Tribe Education	222	X	
Harold Jess Brien	Crow Tribe Education	222	X	
Patrick Stands	Plenty Coups H.S.	222	X	
Luke De Crane	Plenty Coups H.S.	222	X	
Sharon Stands	Plenty Coups H.S.	222	X	
Jim D Morsette	Chipp/Cree ^{Council} Tribe	222	✓	
Jerry Murren	MT Ed Teachers	222	X	
KATHIE MORSETTE	RBS SCHOOLS	222	X	
Bob Jelwai	HD 9		X	
Eric Feaver	MEA	222	✓	

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DATE Feb 9, 1993

SENATE COMMITTEE ON Bill 222

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY: Bill 222

		Bill	Check One
Name	Representing	No.	Support Oppose

James McConnell	Ft. Belknap HLP		X	
Andy Werko	Ft. Belknap HLP		X	
Adrienne Moore	Ft. Belknap HLP		X	
Quannah Steele	" "		X	
Shauna Tenas	" "		X	
Patrick Brown	" "		X	
Sherman Talks Different	" "		X	
W Lynn Snell	" "		X	
Mark Blackcrow	" "		X	
Daylight Horse Gopher	" "		X	
Shawn Bilquist	" "		X	
Harry Belgard	" "		X	
Desiree Lambert	" "		X	
Alale Solomon			X	
Nancy Stiffarm	Harlem High School		X	
Lec Brockie	" " "		X	

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DATE 2-9-91E

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ~~SB~~ Indian

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			Support	Oppose
Diane SANDS	MT Women's lobby	222	X	
Cathy Clammont	Salish + Kootenai Reservation	222	X	
Dinka S. King	Salish + Kootenai Reservation	222	X	
Phil DeMat	self	222		X
ALBERT NIGROLOCCI	self	222		X
Don Waldron		222	X	

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			Support	Oppose
Michelle Punning Wolf	Heart Butte	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Anna Brady - Leader	Arlee High (Principal)	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristy Drey	Arlee High School	SB222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Bosland	Arlee High School	SB222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James J. Smith	Arlee High School	SB222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Parson	Arlee High School	222	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kevin J. Asban	Arlee High School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lynn Jackson	Arlee High School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ben Spant	Arlee High School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Thomas Liberty	Arlee High School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elaine Spratt	Lodge Grass	222	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kim Brown	Lodge Grass	222	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shirley Brown	Lodge Grass	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proprietor Community	Lodge Grass	222	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NEVA LOU BEAR	Lodge Grass	222	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debra Bythin	Lodge Grass	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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			Support	Oppose
Ruby yellowtail	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Sauri Kironos	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Jason Biedinground	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Neil Whit Hip	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Stephen B. Coors III	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Carl Eastman	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Alpha Old Coyote	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Legh Back Bone	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Daryl Beards	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Clinton Nancee	LODGE GRASS	222	✓	
Chelsea Rowland	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Jamie Brun	Lodge Grass	222	✓	
Donna Jefferson	Plenty Coups	222	✓	
Mickey Rides Horse	Plenty Coups	222	✓	
Mark Farwell	Plenty Coups	222	✓	
<i>[Signature]</i>	Plenty Coups	222	✓	

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Merrick Hagan	Plenty cap. high	SR 222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ronald Roodman	Plenty cups	SB 222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rachel Gobert	Browning High School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maurice Solois	Browning High School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ronnie Cassiano	Browning High School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karmen Baker	Browning H. School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle Matt	Browning H. School	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boo Boo Bird	Browning High	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Hall	Browning High school	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
M. Schildt	Browning High	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hanna Walts/Wheel Jr.	Hays/Lodge Pole	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morris E Blackbird	Hays, NW	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kari Newlin	Browning, MT	222	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY: SB 222

Name	Representing	Bill No.	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Mark Blackcrow	Holy's Lodge site		/	
Shelly Hall	Blackfeet	222	/	
Jill Combs AT Night	Blackfeet	222	/	
Barbara Madigan	Blackfeet	222	✓	
Cara Caddell	Blackfeet	222	✓	
IWA Andrews	KOOTENAI	222	X	
Shauna Tinas	KOOTENAI	222	/	
Jon Smith	Kootenai	222		

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			Support	Oppose
Martha Maroon	Browning	222	X	
Clair Little Plume	Browning	222	X	
Lanina Upham	Browning	222	X	
X Ben Kipling	Browning	222	X	
and Mary Jo Sumner	Browning	222	X	
Johnnie Dui Bear	Browning	222	X	
John McCool	Hays/Lodge Pole	222	X	
Adrienne Moore	Hays/Lodge pole	222	X	
Shawn Bilquist	Hays/Lodge Pole	222	X	
Patrick Brown	Hays/Lodge Pole	222	X	

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Name	Representing	Bill No.	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
John Patterson	Harlem	222	✓	
Shane Beaumont	Harlem	222	✓	
Brandon Spencer	Harlem	222	✓	
Thymon S. Sirett	Harlem	222	✓	
Quannah Steele	Hays	222	✓	
Cory Senguy	Rocky Bay	222	✓	
Mindy Henderson	Rocky Bay	222	✓	
Ina Andrews	Elmo	222		
Ashuna Thomas	Elmo	222		
Dominic Poirier	Heart Butte	222	✓	
Janet B. Poirier	Heart Butte	222	✓	
Nadine M. Poirier	Heart Butte	222	✓	
Mike Callahan	Heart Butte	222	✓	
Francis P. Guardipee	Heart Butte	222	✓	
Kristal Wauyo	Heart Butte	222	✓	
Yolena Eagle Speaker	Heart Butte	222	✓	

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