

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By REP. TOM ZOOK, on February 17, 1993, at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chair (R)
Rep. Ed Grady, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Francis Bardanouve (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Roger DeBruycker (R)
Rep. Marj Fisher (R)
Rep. John Johnson (D)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Mike Kadas (D)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Linda Nelson (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Mary Lou Peterson (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici (D)
Rep. Dave Wanzenried (D)
Rep. Bill Wiseman (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Terry Cohea, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SPECIAL VETERANS' HEARING
Executive Action: None

CHAIRMAN ZOOK opened the hearing and introduced **REP. JOHN JOHNSON, HD 23, Glendive**. **REP. JOHNSON** thanked the committee for attending this meeting on this very important issue. In 1988 a group of veterans and a Glendive Forward Organization began a study of the possibility of a veterans' home in eastern Montana. That extensive study resulted in HB 189 which established an eastern Montana veterans' home. The state's share was to be

provided and has been provided by a 2 cent addition on a cigarette tax. \$1,900,000 was the state's share and the federal was \$6,600,000. The site selection process, clearly stated in the Bill, was to select a site for the home. The Committee selected Glendive. The City of Glendive has deeded to the state of Montana approximately 15 acres of land located in a subdivision. A portion of the streets are paved and the city has agreed to additional paving. The utilities are at the site just waiting to be tied in. All of this was at no cost to the state of Montana.

In 1990 the project was submitted to the Federal Veterans' Administration. The priority list included 15 projects, the top 14 were funded and the Eastern Montana Veterans' Home was #15 so it was not funded with federal funds during that cycle. It moved into the next funding cycle and emerged in the top spot. The federal funding has been there since 1991.

The funding and spending authority was again authorized in the 1991 legislature. The project was approved for federal funding and the funds set aside. The architect continued his work. At one point the number of beds was reduced from 100 to 80 because of inflation. Plans again were approved. The plans now have been ready since the end of January, 1993 when the federal go ahead was received. As he understands it, it is only necessary to advertise for bids to begin construction of this particular facility.

Proponents: Willie Day, representing Eastern Montana Coalition and the Veteran's Home Committee is a member of that Coalition. The people he represents take, as totally unacceptable, the long range planning subcommittee report to postpone the building of the eastern Montana veterans' nursing home for two years. It has been time for some years that the legislature shows some responsibility to take care of the needs of this state and not be afraid to raise the revenue to do so. He referred to testimony in EXHIBIT 1.

REP. BOB PAVLOVICH, HD 70, said he would like to talk about HB 46 and HB 16 at the same time. In 1989 he introduced the 2 cents cigarette tax for the Glendive home. He has also had time to put the provision in there if they ever closed Galen they would build a 40 bed unit in Galen. In 1991 he tried to get that money back. In the original HB 529 the cigarette tax money (the 2 cents) would come off once the money was appropriated. The Senate put it in long range building. Since that time, 1989, HB 529 has generated over \$4 million with that 2 cents tax. They have appropriated enough money to take care of the architectural work and \$1.7 million for building the home. All that is needed is let the contracts out.

HB 16 states that once a home is built in Glendive and if Galen should be closed, they would like a 40 bed unit in southwest Montana in Galen. Also in HB 16 it states that from July 1, 1993

the money the 2 cents tax generates goes into a separate fund to maintain the home in Glendive, Columbia Falls, Galen (if it's built) and Miles City. This money belongs to the veterans and this is where it should be used.

SEN. BETTY BRUSKI-MAUS, SD 12 said she would like to speak for the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters who are left to care for the veterans. She hopes the veterans' nursing home will be a reality.

Lester Ollerman, Mayor, Glendive and a combat veteran requested **EXHIBIT 1** be entered into the minutes. He asked that the facility be built as soon as possible instead of waiting for two years. The money is available for construction and feels the money from the cigarette tax is sufficient to support this institution.

Don Kettner, President Dawson Community College said he is an educator in the state for 30 years and a member of a number of economic development groups, survey groups and study groups that have been done in the state of Montana. More importantly he is a Korean combat veteran, one of 106,000 in the state and one of 30,000 who are 60 years of age and older. There are 35,000 veterans in eastern Montana. When this project was approved one of the major concerns of the site selection committee was the staffing of that facility with nurses and nurses' aides. They have met that challenge. Dawson Community College, in cooperation with Miles Community College, designed and implemented one of the first nursing programs to be offered over television using the medical facility blood bank in Sidney. This nursing program will graduate the first class this spring of 16 and 32 every year thereafter. In addition to that the college has designed and implemented a certified nurse's aide program. They turn out 30 to 40 a year.

In addition the college has some 50 students enrolled in Human Services program. These people are trained to work with these kinds of patients that would be in a nursing home. For the record he would like to challenge **Rick Day's** memo that was handed out to the Legislative Council February 11, 1993 "a new 80 bed nursing facility in Glendive would require nurses who may not be available or may draw nursing staff from Eastmont, thus creating additional staffing problem for that facility". That is not correct.

Hundreds of eastern Montanans and other people in this state have donated hours of work, services and money to bring this project to a fruition. The veterans of eastern Montana and the state of Montana have earned and deserve this facility.

Johnny Buck, Past Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Chairman of the Eastern Montana Veterans' Nursing Home committee and a World War II veteran said the cigarette taxes that were used to pay bonuses for veterans serving in World War II, Korean and Viet

Nam Wars are still being collected. Five years ago a committee was formed in eastern Montana to conduct a study to establish the need for a state veterans' nursing home. Again the cigarette tax was raised 2 cents. The state's share was raised and federal money was obtained. Now the state of Montana is telling the veterans the nursing home has to be put on hold for another two years because the state does not have the money for operation and maintenance. If this home is not built in the very near future he has lost all faith in the government.

SEN. LARRY TVEIT, SD 11 said he strongly supports the building of the home in Glendive. A commitment was made to the veterans, they have the federal money in place and feels they should live up to that commitment.

SEN. GARY AKLESTAD, SD 6 said in years past this legislature made a commitment to the veterans of this state a home would be built if they put an effort among themselves to raise money and come up with a funding mechanism. The legislature stated at that time that they would change the statutory language and come up with a budget program to implement that type of a project. He thinks they should live up to the obligation, even in the light of the situation they have since it would not infringe on the general fund dollars they are dealing with in the budget at this time.

Timothy Sowa, Glendive, representing Viet Nam Veterans American Chapter 234 said the Viet Nam veterans do not need the home at this time but their time will come when they will. Their position is if they don't use their federal money at this time they will lose it.

Jan Carter, Glendive testified in favor of building the veterans' nursing home.

John Den Herder, DAV, Helena, testified in favor of the veterans' nursing home.

Roy Walz, Veteran's Service Officer, Beach, N.D. said his state is also concerned about this veterans' home in Glendive and feels it is essential for western North Dakota as well as eastern Montana.

Joe Brand, Montana state legislative director, Veterans' of Foreign Wars, representing 18,000 members who support building the nursing home at Glendive.

Hal Manson, American Legion of Montana testified in support of building the Veterans' nursing home at Glendive.

Dick Baumberger, Disabled American Veterans of Montana said he felt there is a strong possibility the federal funding will be in grave jeopardy if this project is postponed. Four years ago the legislature told them they would be getting a new home in Glendive.

Dennis Winters, Professional Economic Developer, Billings has worked in 42 counties and found out it isn't just a matter of economics but a matter of character. Glendive lost 57 businesses in 6 years. Economic development in this particular public building (veterans' nursing home), from the tax all the way to the building itself, came out of the second part of economic development and that is character.

Dan Antonietti, Past Department Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars, spoke in support of the Veterans' Nursing Home in Glendive.

Tom Pouliot, Montana Veteran spoke in support of the Veterans' Nursing Home in Glendive.

Richard Reynolds, Veteran of the Korean War, spoke in support of the Veterans' Nursing Home in Glendive.

Bill Bold, Wibaux spoke in support of the Veterans' Nursing Home in Glendive.

Don Lies, Glendive asked for all proponents in the chamber to please stand up. It was unanimous.

Dea Hostetler, Glendive Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Glendive supports the immediate construction of the Veterans' Nursing Home in Glendive before federal funding is lost.

Questions: **REP. MENAHAN** said unless people think that everyone in the western part of the state is well off, he's from Deer Lodge County and could match the loss of 57 businesses. In the Appropriations committee today they lost 250 jobs. He sympathizes with the people from Glendive and agrees with **SEN. AKLESTAD** that the legislature made a commitment and should keep that. **REP. MENAHAN** has visited Glendive and the site so knows what is going on.

CHAIRMAN ZOOK said the main problem for the people in eastern Montana is when these Bills come up regardless of what subject they address, there are so many miles for people to come.

REP. BARDANOUVE said he felt at home with the people attending the meeting and appreciated their long journeys to testify and there is not a witness appearing that he does not agree with. However, the state is in a very difficult situation. The legislature has been told to cut \$99 million out of the government.

REP. QUILICI agreed with **REP. BARDANOUVE** concerning the problems facing Montana. However, a commitment was made to the veterans to build this home and he feels the legislature should back them.

REP. GRADY said there have been a lot of cuts made and one of the reasons for the long range planning for the Home is the state has to pick up the ongoing costs after the Home is built. That is

the reason they stop building because they can't afford the buildings after they are built. Government can't compete with the private sector and he is going to recommend in time, that they sell the Center for the Aged.

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Closing: REP. JOHN JOHNSON said he had some information about the nursing beds in the eastern portion of Montana and finds them filled at 90.4% occupancy. He knows there are waiting lists. At the Veterans' facility in Miles City there is a 41 bed surgical unit, medical surgical unit that has been listed for closing but has been held up until the new VA Director comes out and takes a look at it. There are 26 nursing home beds in the VA facility in Miles City and they are full with a waiting list. He does not think that kind of situation will work itself out immediately. He feels that by taking the money available for construction of the Home and doling it out is not the kind of program acceptable or give these veterans the kind of place they want.

He read a letter from Dr. Yoshikawa, Assistant Chief Medical Director for Geriatrics and Extended Care for the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D.C. EXHIBIT 1 packet, page 3.

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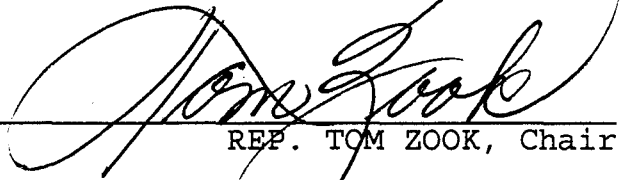
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REP. TOM ZOOK, Chair



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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EXHIBIT 1
DATE 2/17/93
HB Veteran

February 10, 1993

Representative Tom Zook, Chairman
Appropriations Committee
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620



Dear Representative Zook:

The citizens of this community are deeply concerned to learn of the plan to put on-hold the building of the Eastern Montana State Veteran's Home.

Our community has worked long and hard to make this institution a reality. We feel that this institution is desperately needed in the State of Montana. A hearing on this proposed delay should be held with the Appropriation Committee and we wish to make that request, with sufficient time for preparation and driving time.

The State Veteran's Home was conceived in this community because of the immediate needs of the veteran population in Eastern Montana. The City of Glendive has given the State of Montana 13.5 acres of developed land for this building at an approximate value of half a million dollars. This project has had a long and difficult and sometimes frustrating battle, but now is to the place where construction can begin. All money, both State and Federal, is set aside for this project. Veterans are getting older and the need for this home is even more critical. We see no reason for this cut. Operational costs have been budgeted. Also, the two-cent tax that was used to raise money for the project should continue for the benefit of veterans in our great state. Can the State of Montana afford to lose 3.7 million dollars in Federal funds? Anything short of this would be poor treatment of our veterans, and a violation of a public trust. A two-year delay would be the same as cancelling this Veteran's Home.

As a Korean combat veteran and one who was grateful to receive a bonus provided by a cigarette tax, I feel that earmarking funds did not appear to be a problem in the past when veterans were concerned. When you consider veterans, I ask you to please remember those who didn't come back but paid the supreme sacrifice.

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We know you have some tough decisions to make, but please give consideration to this request. Balancing the State budget on the backs of veterans should not be considered.

Respectfully yours,


Mayor Lester Ollerman



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Health Administration
Washington DC 20420

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In Reply Refer To:

The Honorable Les Ollerman
Mayor of the City of Glendive
300 South Merrill
Glendive, MT 59330

Dear Mayor Ollerman:

This letter is in response to your telephone inquiry to Mr. Brent Baker on my staff regarding the availability of Federal funding for the proposed State veterans home in Glendive, Montana.

The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has approved the design documents for bid purposes and anticipates awarding Federal funds of up to 65 percent of the estimated cost of construction prior to September 1993 (the end of our FY 1993).

You asked what would happen to the Glendive, Montana, application for Federal assistance in the event that the State matching funds remained available but construction were delayed. You also asked what would happen if the State withdraws its matching funds for the application.

There is a risk of losing Federal matching funds for the proposed Glendive, Montana, State veterans home if a grant is not awarded before September 1993. If the State maintains its State matching funds, the application will remain in priority group 1 on future priority lists, but Federal funds will be dependent upon our annual appropriations. If the State of Montana withdraws its matching funds, the application would be ranked in priority group 3 or 4 of the next August 15 priority list, diminishing its competitive edge for Federal dollars in the event of a small annual appropriation during Fiscal Year 1994.

VA cannot assure the State of Montana of Federal funds beyond September 1993. We do not know what our appropriations will be in the future, and we do not know how many States will be competing for the Federal funds.

We hope this information will be helpful to you in explaining what would happen to the application for Federal assistance in the event the State of Montana withdraws its State matching funds or delays construction beyond September 1993.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas T. Yoshikawa, M.D.

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native, and a projection of increased operating costs in the next three bienniums.

History: En. 79-1013;1 by Sec. 4, Ch. 460, L. 1973; R.C.M.

Cross-References
Form of executive budget, 17-7-123.
Authority to construct buildings, 18-2-102.
Scheduling 18-2-101.

17-7-205 through 17-7-210 reserved.

17-7-211. Expansion to be authorized. An expenditure not be expanded beyond the scope of the project approved unless the expansion of the project is authorized by building program budget amendment.

History: En. Sec. 13, Ch. 787, L. 1991.
Compiler's Comments
Effective Date: Section 22, Ch. 787, L. 1991, provided that this section is effective July 1, 1991.

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17-7-212. Reappropriation of capital projects. The remaining balance on capital projects previously approved by the legislature are reappropriated for the purposes of the original appropriation until the projects are completed.

History: En. Sec. 14, Ch. 787, L. 1991.
Compiler's Comments
Effective Date: Section 22, Ch. 787, L. 1991, provided that this section is effective July 1, 1991.

Part 3 Supplemental Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Reversions

Part Cross-References
Uniform accounting system and expenditure control, 17-1-102.

17-7-301. Authorization to expend during first year of biennium from appropriation for second year. (1) A state department, institution, or agency of the executive branch desiring authorization to make expenditures during the first fiscal year of the biennium from appropriations for the second fiscal year of the biennium shall make application for such authorization to the governor through the budget director. If the governor finds that, due to an unforeseen and unanticipated emergency, the amount actually appropriated for the first fiscal year of the biennium with all other income will be insufficient for the operation and maintenance of said department, institution, or agency during the year for which the appropriation was made, he may, after careful study and examination of the request and upon review of the

recommendation of the budget director, authorize an expenditure from the fiscal year of the biennium to be made from the appropriation for the second fiscal year of the biennium.

(2) The department, institution, or agency may expend authorized by the governor only for the purposes specified in the

(3) The governor shall report to the next legislature in a special session the amounts expended as a result of all such authorization by him and shall request that any necessary supplemental bills be passed.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 62, L. 1991; R.C.M. 1917, 79-1019.

Cross-References
Appropriation and disbursement of money
and the treasury, 17-8-101.

17-7-302. Encumbrance of fiscal year-end obligations. (1) Any obligation not paid within the fiscal year, including valid written intra-agency service agreements for systems development, shall be used for payment thereof at the end of each fiscal year in the department's accounts. Except as provided in subsection (2), an obligation shall be deemed to be encumbered at the time and to the extent of obligation against the appropriation is created.

(2) An appropriation may be encumbered by a written intra-agency agreement with the department for the alteration, renovation, or renovation of a building pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2. If the appropriation is not encumbered by a valid obligation of the next fiscal year, the appropriation reverts to the fund from which it was originally appropriated.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 81, L. 1955; and, Sec. 3, Ch. 127, L. 1961; and, Sec. 1, Ch. 326, L. 1974; R.C.M. 1917, 59-701.2; and, Sec. 1, Ch. 1, Ch. 106, L. 1985; and, Sec. 1, Ch. 60, L. 1987.

17-7-303. Reappropriation of encumbered obligations each fiscal year. Purchase orders issued and accrued expenses of the department of administration shall be encumbered at the end of each year in the department of administration's accounts and are hereby appropriated for the succeeding fiscal year.

History: En. Sec. 2, Ch. 81, L. 1955; and, Sec. 1, Ch. 267, L. 1971; and, Sec. 1, Ch. 1, Ch. 106, L. 1985; and, Sec. 1, Ch. 60, L. 1987.

17-7-304. Disposal of unexpended appropriations. (1) A appropriation for any specific purpose except those appropriate to the university system units listed in subsection (2) shall, after the expiration of time for which so appropriated, revert to the several funds and from which originally appropriated. However, any unexpended balance specific appropriation may be used for the years for which the appropriation was made.

(2) Except as provided in 17-2-108, all money appropriated for the support of Montana at Missoula, Montana state university at Bozeman, college of mineral science and technology at Butte, eastern Montana

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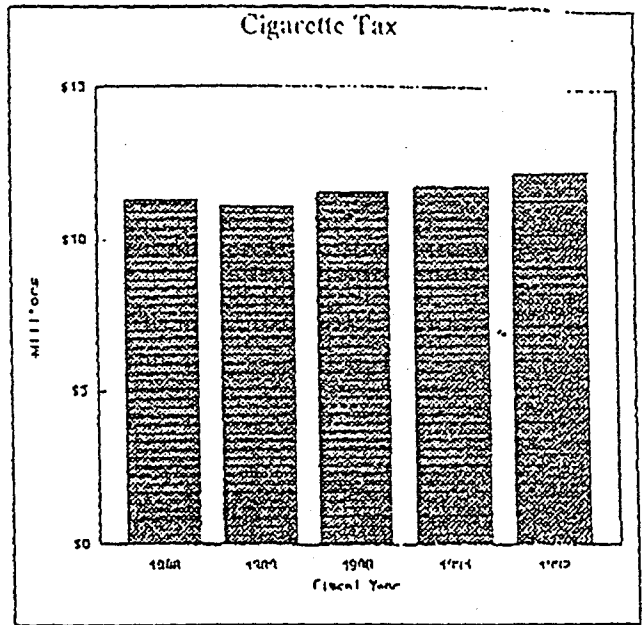
REPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Cigarette Sales Tax

Cigarette wholesalers in the state precollect a tax of 18¢ per package of 20 cigarettes. The tax is then included in the retail price of the cigarettes. A tax insignia must be affixed to each package by the distributor or dealer. Wholesalers and dealers are entitled to purchase insignias at face value less the following percentages which are allowed to defray costs of affixing insignias and pre-collecting the tax on behalf of the State of Montana:

- 1) 6% for up to 2,580 cartons purchased in any calendar month;
- 2) 4% for any portion of the next 2,580 cartons purchased in any calendar month; and
- 3) 3% for purchases in excess of 5,160 cartons in any calendar month.

All money collected from the Cigarette Sales Tax is deposited in the Long-Range Building Program Fund; 70.89% to the Debt Service Fund Type and 29.11% to the Capital Projects Fund Type.



Cigarette Sales Tax Collections

FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
\$11,278,326	\$11,113,087	\$11,567,081	\$11,733,190	\$12,172,863

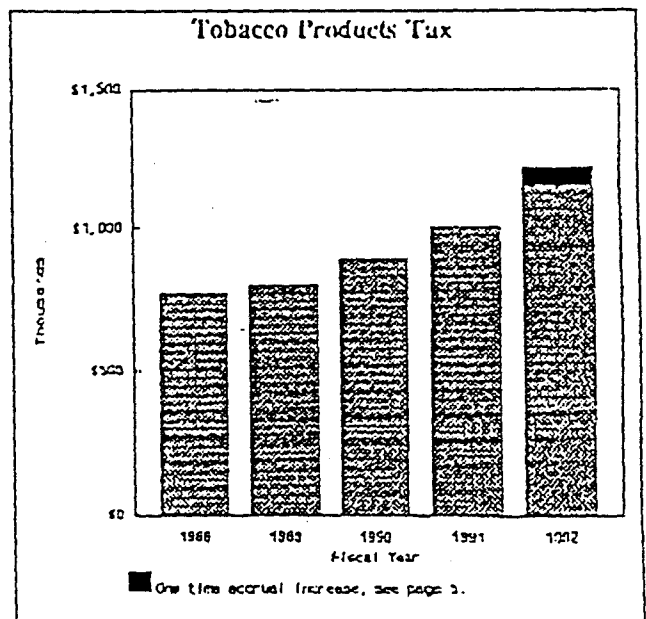
\$1,352,540.33

3 VETS. TAX

Tobacco Products Tax

All tobacco products, excluding cigarettes, are subject to a tax of 12 1/2% of their wholesale price. The tax is collected from the wholesaler less a 5% defrayment for collection and administrative expenses. Collections are deposited in the Long-Range Building Program Debt Service Fund.

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Tobacco Products Tax Collections

FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92*
\$773,430	\$802,615	\$802,111		

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CTA ARCHITECTS

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HB *[Signature]*

EASTERN MONTANA VETERANS HOME
 GLENDIVE, MONTANA
 MONTANA A/E 09-25-01
 JANUARY 7, 1993

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR PROJECT

DATE

ACTIVITY

1/7/93	Final Quality Control Review in CTA Offices
1/8 - 3/25/93	Final Pickups and Incorporation of Comments by CTA
3/25 - 3/31/93	Printing of Documents and Mailing to Bidders
4/1/93	Begin Advertising
4/1 - 4/29/93	Bidding and Pricing by Contractors, Subcontractors and Suppliers
4/29/93	Bid Opening
4/30 - 6/16/93	Bid Review/Contract Award by State of Montana
6/16/93	Contractor Receives Notice to Proceed
6/17/93	Construction Begins

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DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS & HUMAN SERVICES
SCHEDULE OF BUDGETED PROGRAM EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT AND FUND - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1992

	Central Operations	Corrections Systems	Mental Health System	Chemical Dependency System	Developmental Disability System	Veteran's Nursing Home Program	Total
PERSONAL SERVICES							
Salaries	\$1,102,224	\$14,005,287	\$16,415,657	\$1,420,004	\$ 9,619,213	\$1,575,286	\$44,137,671
Hourly Wages		510,546					510,546
Other Compensation	15,000						15,000
Employee Benefits	254,022	3,783,942	5,314,423	454,014	3,285,827	524,160	13,616,388
Total	1,371,246	18,299,775	21,730,080	1,874,018	12,905,040	2,099,446	58,279,605
OPERATING EXPENSES							
Other Services	129,364	3,662,411	2,072,203	1,450,690	335,566	188,310	7,838,544
Supplies & Materials	27,098	3,516,192	2,028,442	39,629	933,655	315,259	6,860,275
Communications	51,725	238,860	200,242	19,277	54,451	8,732	573,287
Travel	21,083	112,171	58,265	54,621	11,214	1,519	258,873
Rent	38,453	244,395	39,376	17,093	20,398	3,129	362,844
Utilities		675,948	715,788	66,596	385,609	81,224	1,925,165
Repair & Maintenance	18,691	555,826	292,301	15,124	91,036	17,443	990,421
Other Expenses	7,498	290,440	160,159	21,349	24,290	9,579	513,315
Goods Purchased For Resale		1,310,396	156,769		25,268	18,574	1,511,007
Total	293,912	10,606,639	5,723,545	1,684,379	1,881,487	643,769	20,833,731
EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS							
Equipment	28,835	515,260	97,782	28,500	90,478	15,904	776,759
Livestock		39,825					39,825
Intangible Assets	350	2,881	1,074	3,350			7,655
Total	29,185	557,966	98,856	31,850	90,478	15,904	824,239
CAPITAL OUTLAY							
Buildings		22,834					22,834
Other Improvements		23,222					23,222
Total		46,056					46,056
LOCAL ASSISTANCE							
From State Sources				1,330,000			1,330,000
Total				1,330,000			1,330,000
GRANTS							
From State Sources		23,677	1,326,367				4,350,046
From Federal Sources			1,360,366	1,880,612			3,240,978
Total		23,677	5,686,733	1,880,612			7,591,024
DEBT SERVICE							
Leases	117,932	4,567	1,705	2,303	35,999		162,506
Total	117,932	4,567	1,705	2,303	35,999		162,506
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	\$1,812,275	\$29,538,682	\$33,240,919	\$6,803,162	\$14,913,004	\$2,759,119	\$89,067,161
GENERAL FUND							
Budgeted	\$1,873,924	\$25,744,594	\$31,040,981	\$ 242,332	\$14,816,195	\$ 717,316	\$74,435,342
Actual	1,758,760	25,083,181	31,029,780	242,318	14,815,924	635,935	73,565,878
Unspent Budget Authority	\$ 115,164	\$ 661,413	\$ 11,221	\$ 14	\$ 271	\$ 81,381	\$ 869,464
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND							
Budgeted	\$ 52,563	\$ 1,946,176	\$ 2,437,682	\$6,813,492	\$ 120,864	\$2,128,112	\$13,693,695
Actual	52,563	1,182,501	2,211,159	6,560,844	97,080	2,123,184	12,227,331
Unspent Budget Authority	\$ 0	\$ 763,675	\$ 426,729	\$ 252,648	\$ 23,784	\$ 4,928	\$ 1,465,764
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS							
Budgeted	\$ 7,237	\$ 269,901					\$ 277,138
Actual	952	250,004					250,956
Unspent Budget Authority	\$ 6,285	\$ 19,897					\$ 26,182
ENTERPRISE FUNDS							
Budgeted							

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MONTANA

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HELENA, MONTANA 59620-1300

October 1, 1992
PER DIEM RATES
Mt. Veterans HomeNURSING WING

Full Cost \$72.65

VA Contribution 27.61

\$45.04 per day = \$1,396.24 - 31 days

DOMICILIARY

Full Cost \$37.17

VA Contribution 11.79

\$25.38 per day = \$786.78 - 31 days

NON-VETERAN COST

Nursing Wing \$72.65 per day = \$2,252.15 - 31 days

Domiciliary \$37.17 per day = \$1,152.27 - 31 days

In addition to the current rates, charges may be made to Non-Medicaid patients (on ability to pay basis) for pharmacy. Other items and services normally furnished routinely to all patients are at no additional cost. A copy of that list of services will be supplied upon request.

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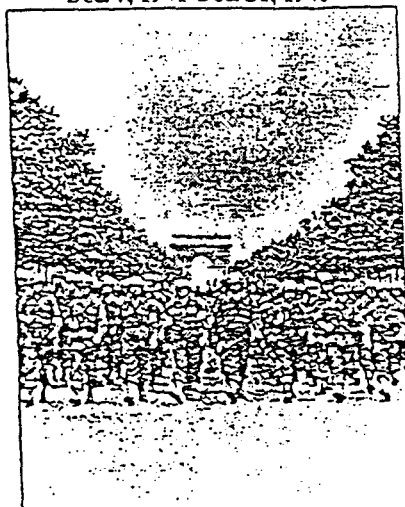
1917-1918



Participants — 4,744,000
Living Veterans — 81,000

WORLD WAR II

Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946



Participants — 16,535,000
Living Veterans — 8,812,000

KOREAN CONFLICT

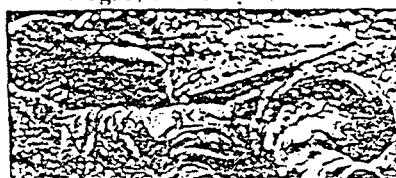
June 27, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955



Participants — 6,807,000
Living Veterans — 4,812,000

VIETNAM ERA

Aug. 5, 1964-May 7, 1975



THE AMERICAN VETERAN

While America was struggling to hold on to its fledgling life, I was there.

My feet were frostbitten at Valley Forge. Many of my comrades left in despair, but I crossed the Delaware with Washington and won the battle.

I was there when Andy Jackson met the Red Coats at New Orleans, and I was there when Teddy Roosevelt said, "Follow Me Boys", as we charged up San Juan Hill.

I went "over there" to the muddy, bloody trenches of France and whipped the Kaiser's best.

I was there when the mighty Arizona went down in Pearl Harbor, and part of it is there, even now.

I have been to places you wouldn't believe. Places with names that sounded strange to you when you first heard them, and then they became familiar. Such places as a hell-hole called Guadalcanal, the bloody beaches of Iwo Jima, Omaha Beach, Wake Island, and a place called Bataan, where I became involved in something that became known as "The Bataan Death March".

I have heard the expression, "Yours is not to wonder why, Yours is but to do or die", and I often did both.

I was a tail gunner on a B-17 over Hitler's Germany. I saw many of my buddies go down in flames over the North Atlantic.

I was there at the "Frozin Chosin" in Korea, and at a place that was known as "Heartbreak Ridge".

I was there at the siege of Khe-Sanh, and I became part of the menu "Hamburger Hill".

I was there in Beirut, Lebanon -- Panama, and Grenada, and my feet baked on the hot sands of Iraq and Kuwait.

I have looked over my shoulder from lonely bus stations, train depots, airports and seaports, at weeping wives, parents, brothers, sisters and yes, sweethearts, who were trying to say goodbye gracefully, and failing miserably, many for the last time.

I have returned home to everything from great celebrations and accolades to anonymity and derision.

I have been called everything from a hero -- to a baby-killer, and do it all again, if it becomes necessary. Why?

Because when the framers of the Constitution gave us the blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it was not without sacrifice, and keeping those blessings is worth whatever price it must pay.

Yes, there is something worth dying for, and I Thank God that I possess something that precious.

I want that for you, my countryman.

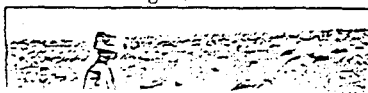
I want it for my children and my children's children.

I ask no rewards or praise.

I ask only that you remember I was there for you when you needed me, and that you'll be there for me now that I need you.

PERSIAN GULF WAR

Aug. 2, 1990-



"THE AMERICAN VETERAN"

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LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEES:

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PAT WILLIAMS

MONTANA



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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February 9, 1993

Rep. John Johnson
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear John:

It is extremely important that the Legislature continue to support the veterans nursing home to be located in Glendive.

If the state of Montana cuts the money the veterans home is a goner!

You need to know that the window of opportunity to secure the federal matching funds for this project is very small. There is good reason to believe that because of budget cuts at the federal level, the State Home Construction Grant Program will have less money available for funding such projects. Once lost, the Glendive project will be low on the priority list. It will take a much longer time than normal to move up to be one of the smaller number of projects eligible for funding. In short, It will be a goner--with no chance of federal funding for many years.

As you know, since 1989, the state has been collecting funds for this project through the two-cent cigarette tax. More than two million dollars has been raised, qualifying the state for matching federal funds for the nursing home. Plans have been made and approved and the only step left to take before ground-breaking is opening the project for construction bids.

We must have firmly in mind the reason for the nursing home. Montana has one of the highest concentrations of veterans in the United States. More than one in eight Montanans answered the call to service for our country--nearly 38 percent of them served in the two world wars. Our large veteran population is aging and the Glendive home is sorely needed.

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I recognize the difficult decisions you must make, but I hope you agree that cutting state funds for the Glendive Veterans Nursing Home is the wrong path to take.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Pat

Pat Williams

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February 16, 1993

The Honorable Mayor Lester Ollerman
300 S. Merrill Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Dear Mayor Ollerman:

I have received more information concerning the Eastern Montana Veteran's Home (EMVH). This information pertains to the previous letter which I sent to you.

I spoke by phone with Mr. Bob Anderson of the Department of Institutions. I asked him about the apparent variance between actual expenditures at the Columbia Falls facility and the EMVH budgeted expenditures, especially those pertaining to personal services. Mr. Anderson stated that the figures that I had were for the 1995 year and that they were for the operation at less than full operating levels. He stated that the 1996 budget would contain provisions for 94.6 FTE, whereas the 1995 figures showed 78.87 FTE. He also stated that the operating costs would approximate the costs at the Columbia Falls facility (MVH) when EMVH is in full operation.

MVH currently has 85.89 FTE with a need for an additional 4.8 FTE. It appears that the majority of additional staffing at EMVH is related to the Alzheimer unit and laundry facility. Neither of these is provided at MVH. I am not questioning the staffing needs at either facility.

The Department of Institutions estimates its annualized cost of operations to be \$2.8 million, including \$1.2 million general fund after the facility is in full operation. These figures are not consistent with 1992 actual General Fund funding at MVH. In 1992 MVH experienced \$2,759,119 in total operating expenditures, with \$635,935 being funded by the States General Fund. Third party reimbursements amounted to \$ 1,955,490, and Special Revenue Funds contributed \$167,695. These amounts show that General Fund support amounted to approximately 23.04 percent of total operations for MVH in 1992. The annualized General Fund support for EMVH of \$1.2 million equates to 42.85 percent of total estimated annualized operations. Even if you use the 1992 budgeted General Fund amount of \$717,316 it only equates to 25.99 percent of actual operating costs.

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The Veteran's facilities are funded with these third party reimbursements, special revenue funding, and State General Fund funds. Basically the General Fund amount is plugged into the budget as the difference between appropriations and the amounts of other funding expected. One would expect the budgeted General Fund amount to be slightly inflated as this amount would have to finance any deviations between expenditures and other revenues. It is a conservative approach or cushion against unforeseen circumstances.

General Fund support for MVH in 1992 shows an 11.3 percent variance between budget and actual. As stated previously, even with this cushion in the budgeted General Fund amount it only equates to 25.99 percent of actual operating costs as compared to 42.85 percent of budgeted costs for EMVH. It appears that budgeted General Fund support for EMVH is overstated and that actual General Fund support is overstated even more.

I discussed the third party reimbursements with the Department and it was stated that the reimbursement on nursing home patients is higher than that of domiciliary care. With that in mind the percentages of reimbursement at the EMVH facility should be even higher than those at the MVH facility as EMVH will have only nursing home patients. This would indicate that the percentage of General support would be even less than the 23.04 percent of actual cost.

One other point to remember is that the laundry at EMVH is expected to provide service for Eastmont Human Services Center. Any savings to Eastmont will reduce the General Fund support of that facility. Thus, in essence, these savings are a direct result of increased costs to the EMVH but are a net savings to the General Fund.

If a two cent cigarette tax is approved to support veteran nursing homes it appears that the revenues generated will virtually offset the General Fund support needed by both facilities. The Department of Institutions indicated that they wanted this funding to support the MVH facility but with this tax generating over \$1.3 million annually it appears that there is sufficient funding available to support the actual General Fund costs of both facilities.

Sincerely,



Kevin Dorwart

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Mr. Curt Chisholm, Director
Department of Corrections
and Human Services
1539 11th Avenue
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Mr. Chisholm:

Mr. Brent Baker on my staff has received a letter from Mr. James C. Whaley regarding the proposed construction grant for a State veterans home in Glendive, Montana (PAI 30-002).

Mr. Whaley asks if VA is comfortable with the State of Montana advertising for bid for the project. We have approved the final design documents for bid purposes and do not need to review them again. We thought that was understood, but if you are requesting approval to bid, then, we approve the documents for bid purposes. Enclosed are the forms for the final paperwork which will be required for us to process the grant award for this project.

We look forward to receipt of two copies of your bid tabulations, two copies of the revised budget page based on the selected bidder, three signed copies of the Memorandum of Agreement for Construction, and the various other forms that are enclosed.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Mr. Brent Baker on my staff at (202) 535-7538.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas T. Yoshikawa, M.D.
Assistant Chief Medical Director
for Geriatrics and Extended Care

Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Whaley

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<i>Lorne Barth</i>	<i>Glendive</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Betty Surcki-Mann</i>	<i>SD 12</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ernest Mann</i>	<i>Wisnau</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Edward C. KESSEL</i>	<i>Glendive</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Willard Kent</i>	<i>Glendive</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Peter C. Scheithin</i>	<i>Glendive</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Wm. L. Bald</i>	<i>Hebbar</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>John J. Beckert</i>	<i>Wisnau</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Betty Quirk</i>	<i>Wisnau</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Donald Larson</i>	<i>Wisnau</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Algot Larv</i>	<i>Glendive</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Dea Hostetter</i>	<i>Glendive Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Mark Michels</i>	<i>102 Fronty Lane Glendive</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY: _____

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Paul Johnson	Glendale	HB5	X	
Mike Don Herder	Helena DAY	HB5	X	

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Arlene B. Legare	V. F. W. Aux # 1125	✓	
Gerald L. Buester	Veterans Nursing Home	✓	
Carl Jimison	Veterans Nursing Home	✓	
Don Jenner	UFW # 1125	✓	
Dwaine L. Erickson	✓ ✓		
Evelyn Kains	Veterans ^{Self} Widows Relief	✓	
Alan Norton	UFW Post 125 G.D.	✓	
Elmer Egle	UFW Post 105 G.D.	✓	
Al L. Trisinger	UFW Post 7887	✓	
Samuelman	Glenview	✓	
R. J. Reynolds	Glenview	✓	
Deane Hefzger	Wida, Ill	✓	
Kevin Doran	Glenview	✓	
Dea Manson	American Legion	✓	

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Dempsey Dool	TERRY MT	✓	
Harold Scheid	Terry Mt	✓	
Elmer Scheid	Terry Mt	✓	
Ray Marman	Glendine Mt.	✓	
Mary Ann Marman	" "	✓	
Maure Duck	" "	✓	
Ron Casey	Helena Mt.	✓	
Larry Casey	Helena	✓	
Don Barbat	Glendine	✓	
THOMAS THOMPSON	✓	✓	
Pete Huschka	Glendine	✓	
John Pickart John Pickart	Glendine	✓	
George Rice Jr.	Glendine	✓	
Ann Rice	Glendine	✓	

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Carl Moon	Box 844 Glendive MT	✓	
Deane Copping	Glendive Mont	✓	
Chuck Copping	Glendive MT	✓	
Lynne Lapp	Glendive MT	✓	
Tom Joulant	Hebua, MT	X	
Pete Beckmeier	Glendive	X	
E. Huston	Glendive	X	
Joe Hegel	Glendive	X	

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~~SENATE~~ COMMITTEE ON Eastern Dist. Vets Home

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Name	Representing	Bill No.	Check One	
			Support	Oppose

Bruce M. Raymond	Glendrie	HB 5	X	
William G. Goetz	-	-	X	
George Hansen	✓	-	X	
Ben W. Hansen	✓	HB 5	X	
Wayne Chellaro	✓	HB 5	X	
Ray Roney	✓	HB 5	X	
Idem Morast	✓	HB 5	X	
Lordon Healed	Sunday	HB 5	X	
Jim P. Michels	Glendrie	HB 5	X	
George Koffler	"	HB 5	X	
Arnold Robson	Lindsay	HB 5	X	
Curtis Duchas	Glendrie	HB 5	X	
Albert Laska	"	HB 5	X	
Darlene Jamison	Glendrie	HB 5	X	
Willy Lapp	"	HB 5	X	
Quam Alden	"	"	X	

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Larry Longfellow Box 6228 Helena 59601	VFW	X	
Stan Kriepfing	VFW	X	
Joe Brand	State Reg. Chairman VFW	X	
San Antonietta	PDC - VFW	X	
Don Lies	FMVIT Comm Blendive	X	

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DON-MARMAN	BEACH NED.	X	
M.H. McMANIGAL	Beach NED	X	
D.J. BISHOP	Glendive MT.	X	
Wm Stone	Glendive MT	X	
Doretta Flynn	Glendive, MT	X	
E. Flynn	" "	X	
Marge Hart	Helena	X	
Helen Casey	Glendive, MT	X	
Beverly J. McIntyre	Glendive	X	
Keith McIntyre	Glendive	X	
Lawrence Barthel	"	X	
Dennis Winters	Billings	X	
Curt Meeds	Glendive	X	
Dick Baumbarger	DAV	✓	

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<i>John H. Mankopf</i> GLENDALE	<i>VETS NURSING HOME</i>	X	
<i>John Cullinan</i> GLV	" " "	X	
<i>Norman B. Lunde</i>	" " "	X	
<i>Jan M. Carter</i>	" " "	X	
<i>Joe Ollman</i>	<i>major</i>	X	
<i>FRANK H. NORD</i>	<i>VET NURSING HOME</i>	X	
<i>CHARLES SENNER</i>	" " "	X	
<i>Don Kettner</i>	" " "	X	
<i>Johnny Buck</i>	" " "	X	
<i>TIM SOCWA</i>	<i>VET " "</i>	X	
<i>Rep Pat Galvin</i>	<i>House Dist 40</i>	X	
<i>Ray Webb</i>	<i>Vet nursing</i>	X	
<i>Joseph P. Plummer</i>	<i>Josephine P. Plummer</i>	X	
<i>Edward T. Donato</i>	<i>Glendale</i>	X	

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