

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 53rd LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By REP. DICK KNOX, CHAIRMAN, on December 18, 1993, at 9:30 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dick Knox, Chairman (R)
Rep. Rolph Tunby, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Jody Bird (D)
Rep. Russ Fagg (R)
Rep. Gary Feland (R)
Rep. Mike Foster (R)
Rep. Bob Gilbert (R)
Rep. Scott Orr (R)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)
Rep. Howard Toole (D)
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Vivian Brooke
Rep. Hal Harper
Rep. Bob Raney
Rep. Dore Schwinden
Rep. Howard Toole

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Environmental Quality Council
Michael Kakuk, Environmental Quality Council
Alberta Strachan, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SEN. BETTY BRUSKI-MAUS, District 12, Wibaux, stated this bill was a joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the state of Montana strongly urging the United States Congress to refrain from imposing new standards and restrictions on aboveground storage tanks.

PROPOSERS:

SEN. JOHN BRENDEN, District 10, Scobey, stated that the underground storage tank problem is big but that so is the aboveground storage. The potential is great of losing people in the petroleum business in small towns because they will not be able to afford the ramifications of what the EPA is doing. Elderly people with 100 or 200 gallon aboveground storage tanks by their homes for fuel will be in jeopardy.

Dennis Taylor, Deputy Director, Department of Justice, stated that he was appearing on behalf of the Attorney General and the Fire Marshall in support this resolution. More and more attorney generals in the western U.S. have banded together to seek from Congress greater flexibility with regard to legislation.

OPPOSERS:

None.

QUESTIONS:

None.

SEN. BRUSKI-MAUS, stated that she has been joined by **SEN. WELDON** and **SEN. DEVLIN** as supporters of this bill.

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Motion: **REP. WAGNER MADE A MOTION DO PASS.**

Discussion: **REP. HARPER** asked for a list of regulations the federal government is thinking of implementing that will be so environmentally costly.

SEN. BRENDON said there was not a copy available. They are trying to bring the uniform codes up to the 1994 level and the proposed legislation has not been enacted upon by Congress.

REP. BROOKE said there should be no more federal requirements because many states are financially troubled. It seems the Americans for Disabilities Act, civil rights legislation and equity legislation is important to be enacted upon on a federal level and not on a state level. She said the second "Whereas" should be amended out. She stated that she did not approve of the term no federal requirements implemented by this legislation.

Vote: On a roll call vote, motion passed 10-5 with **REPS. BROOKE, HARPER, RANEY, SCHWINDEN** and **TOOLE** voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

Dick Knox

REP. DICK KNOX, Chairman

Alberta Strachan

ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

by Marilyn Miller

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<u>Don M. Taylor</u>	<u>Dept of Justice</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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