

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 54th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 6

Call to Order: By SENATOR MIKE FOSTER, on April 12, 1995, at
4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mike Foster, Chairman (R)
Sen. J. D. Lynch, (D)
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl (R)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. Toni Hagener (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nan LeFebvre, Office of the Legislative Fiscal
Analyst
Jane Hamman, Office of Budget & Program Planning
Tracy Bartosik, Committee Secretary

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

Motion/Vote: REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL moved to remove the Montana
State University's Montana Watercourse project for \$100,000, as
well as remove last session's grant to the town of Hot Springs
Camus Therapy Center in the amount of \$150,000 from HB 6. **Motion
carried unanimously.**

Motion/Vote: SEN. J. D. LYNCH moved to approve HB 6 as amended
and to close the free conference committee meeting on HB 6.
Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.

Mike Foster

SEN. MIKE FOSTER, Chairman

P. Berneman

for TRACY BARTOSIK, Secretary

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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March 28, 1995

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Finance and Claims having had under consideration HB 6 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 6 be amended as follows and as so amended be concurred in.

Signed: 
Senator Gary Aklestad, Chair

That such amendments read:

1. Page 5, line 20.

Following: "established."

Insert: "(1)"

2. Page 5, line 24.

Insert: "(2) Any funds in excess of the amount appropriated for grants under [sections 1 through 3] are available for appropriation for authorized purposes from the renewable resource grant and loan state special revenue account."

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Sec. of Senate

Christensen
Senator Carrying Bill

HB 6
SENATE

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY BERGSAGEL

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriations from renewable resource grant and loan state special revenue account. (1) Because the legislature cannot appropriate individual grants to private entities, there is appropriated to the department of natural resources and conservation \$100,000 from the renewable resource grant and loan program state special revenue account during the 1997 biennium for grants to private persons for renewable resource projects pursuant to the provisions of Title 85, chapter 1, part 6. This appropriation is from money available in the renewable resource grant and loan state special revenue account for grants.

(2) There is appropriated to the department of natural resources and conservation up to \$125,000 to be used for emergency projects from the money available in the renewable resource grant and loan state special revenue account for grants. If these funds are not needed for emergencies, they may be used for grants approved in subsection (4).

(3) There is appropriated to the department of natural resources and conservation all other funds that are not appropriated under subsections (1) and (2) and that are available for grants to political subdivisions and local government entities from the renewable resource grant and loan state special revenue account during the 1997 biennium. The funds appropriated in this section must be awarded by the department of natural resources and conservation to the named entities for the described purposes and in the described grant amounts set out in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 1 through 4] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 1995 report to the 54th legislature. The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the grants listed in subsection (4), with grants to be made in the order indicated in the prioritized list of projects and activities.

Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in this section in order of priority until available funds are expended. Funds not accepted or used by higher-ranked projects must be provided for projects further down the priority list that would not otherwise receive funding. Any grants that are funded by the reclamation and development grants program may not be funded under [sections 1 through 4].

(4) The following are the prioritized grant projects:

RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM	Recommended Funding
<u>Applicant/Project</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Fallon County	\$15,908 <u>\$31,743</u>
(Lower Baker Spillway Construction and Cleaning)	
Conrad, City of	50,000
(Reconstruct Outlet Conduit on Lake Francis East Dam)	
Lewistown, City of	50,000 <u>100,000</u>
(Water System Improvements)	
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation *	47,919
(Deadman's Basin Water Quality Improvement Project)	
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	65,000
(Verification of PDSI for Montana)	
Montana Tech of the University of Montana *	84,560
(Ground Water Protection and Education, Rural Schools)	
Montana State University - Montana Watercourse	100,000
(Preparing Citizens for Montana's Water Future)	
Greenfields Irrigation District *	50,000
(Main Canal Flow Control System)	
Lewis and Clark County *	100,000
(Helena Area Bedrock Aquifer Assessment)	
Missoula County *	100,000
(Conservation of Riparian Areas Model Project)	
Thompson Falls, City of	51,820
(Water Engineering Study)	
Bozeman, City of	50,000

1	(Separator Waste Collection Facility)	
2	Governor's Office - Flathead Basin Commission *	100,000
3	(Flathead Lake-Watershed Management Plan)	
4	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation *	100,000
5	(Flint Creek Return Flow Study)	
6	Richland County	50,000
7	—(Lone Tree Dam Rehabilitation)	
8	Mile High Conservation District *	99,933
9	—(Effects of Land Uses on Montana's Salinized Lands)	
10	Butte-Silver Bow Local Government	50,000 <u>100,000</u>
11	(Big Hole River Water Transmission Line Replacement)	
12	Montana Tech of the University of Montana	95,422
13	(Hydrologic Evaluation, Florence and Seeley Lake)	
14	Park Conservation District	100,000
15	—(Soil Survey on Rangelands and Forestlands / Park County)	
16	Chouteau and Fergus Counties *	27,892 <u>50,000</u>
17	(PN Bridge - Campground)	
18	Libby Area Conservancy District	35,000
19	(Libby-Granite-Cherry Creek Flood Control Plan)	
20	Montana Historical Society	100,000
21	—(PLACES Master Plan for Rec. Enhance. in German Gulch)	
22	Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks *	100,000
23	(Assessment of Aquatic Resources in the Blackfoot Basin)	
24	Hidden Lake Water District	34,898
25	—(Hidden Lake Irrigation Water System)	
26	Kalispell, City of	50,000
27	—(North Side Water Well Project)	
28	Yellowstone County	50,000
29	—(Metra Park Enhancement)	
30	Hysham, Town of	50,000

1	(Sewer System Improvements)	
2	Fairview, Town of	50,000 <u>100,000</u>
3	(Water System Improvements)	
4	Madison Conservation District	56,886 <u>25,000</u>
5	(Willow Creek Water Resource Management System)	
6	Manhattan, Town of	50,000
7	(Manhattan Water System)	
8	Granite Conservation District *	86,120 <u>64,740</u>
9	(Upper Clark Fork River Basin Water Management Plan)	
10	Jackson Water and Sewer District	27,500 <u>25,000</u>
11	(Geothermal Development Feasibility Study)	
12	Sun River Water Users Association	50,000
13	(Sun River Water System)	
14	Lincoln Lewis and Clark Sewer District	4,800 <u>15,000</u>
15	(Lincoln Wastewater System Study and Upgrade)	
16	<u>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION</u>	
17	<u>WATER RESOURCES DIVISION</u>	
18	<u>(FORT PECK RURAL WATER DISTRICT)</u>	<u>30,000</u>
19	<u>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION</u>	
20	<u>(NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL PIPELINE)</u>	<u>30,000</u>
21	(5) For grant projects for which the department of natural resources and conservation has also	
22	recommended a loan, the authorization for the loan is contained in House Bill No. 8.	
23	(6) The funding provided to the projects approved in this section and identified with an asterisk (*)	
24	following the applicant's name is eligible for and may be designated for use as a nonfederal match for the	
25	federal funding acquired for the nonpoint source pollution control program administered by the department	
26	of health and environmental sciences.	
27	(7) To the entities listed in this section, this appropriation constitutes a valid obligation of these	
28	funds for purposes of encumbering the funds within the 1997 biennium pursuant to 17-7-302.	
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30	<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 2. Condition of grants. Disbursement of funds under [sections 1 through	

4] for grants is subject to the following conditions that must be met by project sponsors:

(1) approval of a scope of work and budget for the project by the department of natural resources and conservation. Reductions in a scope of work or budget may not affect priority activities or improvements.

(2) documented commitment of other funds required for project completion;

(3) satisfactory completion of conditions described in the recommendation section of the project narrative in the renewable resource grant and loan program project evaluations and recommendations report submitted to the 54th legislature for the 1997 biennium or, in the case of emergency applications, conditions specified at the time of written notification of approved grant authority;

(4) execution of a grant agreement with the department; and

(5) accomplishment of other specific requirements considered necessary by the department to accomplish the purpose of the grant as evidenced from the application to the department or from the proposal to the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Conditions for grants. Notwithstanding the conditions described in [section 2], grant funds are disbursed in the order of priority listed in [section 1] as resource indemnity trust account interest income revenue is received. A project approved by [section 1] is not entitled to receive grant funds that are not collected and allocated to the renewable resource grant and loan program state special revenue account.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriations established. (1) For any entity of state government that receives a grant under [sections 1 through 3], an appropriation is established for the amount of the grant upon award of the grant by the department of natural resources and conservation. Grants to state entities from prior bienniums are reauthorized for completion of contract work.

(2) ANY FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR GRANTS UNDER [SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 3] ARE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION FOR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES FROM THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT.

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its

1 applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid
2 applications.

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Effective dates.** (1) [Sections 2 through 5] and this section are
5 effective on passage and approval.

6 (2) [Section 1] is effective July 1, 1995.

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