

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 54th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ETHEL HARDING**, on April 6, 1995, at  
10:30 AM

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ethel M. Harding, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Kenneth "Ken" Mesaros, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Mack Cole (R)  
Sen. Mike Foster (R)  
Sen. Don Hargrove (R)  
Sen. Bob Pipinich (D)  
Sen. Jeff Weldon (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Vivian M. Brooke (D)

**Members Absent:** N/A

**Staff Present:** David Niss, Legislative Council  
Gail Moser, Committee Secretary

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: SR 5, SJR 25, SJR 24  
Executive Action: SJR 24 DO PASS  
SJR 25 DO PASS  
SR 5 DO PASS AS AMENDED

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#### **HEARING ON SR 5**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. MIKE HALLIGAN**, Senate District 34, Missoula, said SR 5 could easily be presented by any of the many Senators who also signed it. He said it is a bi-partisan expression of the collective will of the Senate that acts of hate or prejudice have no place in our society. SR 5 recognizes our diversity and the strength that comes from diversity.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Don Judge, Montana State AFL-CIO,** said organized labor has had a long and proud history of fighting discrimination in many facets of human life. Organized labor first got involved in education to defend the rights of all children to receive an education regardless of their family's economic position. Two years ago, the Montana State AFL-CIO adopted a resolution similar to SR 5 and the National AFL-CIO adopted a resolution calling for an end to discrimination and hate all across the county. He believes there has been too much negative publicity for Montana, and there is a need to remind citizens that Montana is a great place to live, work, and raise a family, and that hate and discrimination will not be tolerated.

**Beth Baker, Department of Justice,** said this resolution is about tolerance, and a free society must tolerate many forms of expression. SR 5 expresses a positive direction for the people of Montana to act against crimes of hate and stand together for the rights of all people to be treated with dignity and respect. **Ms. Baker** said a companion resolution heard yesterday in the House raised some questions about what rights it would create and who it was going to protect; and this really isn't about creating or protecting rights, it's about adding your voice to say that the people who have voiced hatred in this state do not represent Montana.

**Sandra Hale, Executive Director of PRIDE,** handed out her written testimony which she read verbatim (**EXHIBIT 1**).

**Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference,** said last November, the U.S. Bishops released a document called "Confronting the Culture of Violence." One of the things the document said is "not all violence is deadly -- it begins with anger, intolerance, impatience, unfair judgements, and aggression." These acts and attitudes are not the same as abusive behavior or physical attacks, but they can create a climate where violence prospers and peace suffers. She had been asked what if a plan to kill Hitler had been successful and it would have protected the many people who were victims of the holocaust -- does the end justify the means. She said she was not prepared to answer that question, but she later decided what really mattered was whether people spoke out and said NO. She believes it is important to make a statement that says hate and violence will not be tolerated in Montana.

**Christine Kaufman, Director of the Human Rights Network in Helena,** said her organization helps communities respond to hate activity as it surfaces in their community. She related a story of Pastor Martin Niemoller who was a victim of the Nazi's who said, "First they came for the Jews, but I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists, but I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists, but I did not speak out because I

was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out." She believes it is good that the government is speaking out on issues of hate and tolerance. She added, however, it is ironic that the state also sanctions some of those same acts against a certain group of people by refusing to repeal the law that makes gay and lesbian citizens felons in the state of Montana.

**David Hemion, Montana Association of Churches**, handed out a newsletter "Christian Witness for Humanity" (**EXHIBIT 2**). His Association is comprised of eight of Montana's largest Christian denominations and is involved in a project to counter extremism and hate crimes throughout the state. He advised the Committee that their projects are being organized in various cities in Montana. He said when he moved here seven years ago to manage the Chamber of Commerce, there was headline that read "Pace organization selects Helena as headquarters". He thought that was great until he read that Pace was an organization that advocated against persons not of caucasian blood from North America. However, the next day, the city and county commissioners joined together in a unanimous declaration that said "find someplace else for your organization, we don't want an organization in our community with those views." **Mr. Hemion** related another story where his six year old son had read a headline and asked his mother what the word "fags" meant. His son was angry that anyone would paint the Capitol and as his mother told him it was an ugly, derogatory word, he was more saddened.

**Ann McIntyre, Administrator State Human Rights Commission, and member of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment**, stated support for SR 5.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

**Arlette Randash, citizen**, handed out written testimony which she read verbatim (**EXHIBIT 3**). Headlines referred to in the next-to-last paragraph were read as follows:

"A bleak vision of the world" and the article states that because of world population, there is a disintegration under the pressure of poverty, population growth, and lawlessness, and resulting chaos."

"The world is breeding a disaster."

"Four babies a second swell world ranks."

"Confronting the plague of humans."

**Laurie Koutnik, Executive Director of the Christian Coalition of Montana**, said she had not planned to speak today, but SR 5 caught her interest because she believes her organization has been the

target of hate. She is concerned with the lack of *definition* of hate crimes. She said she is charged to love others based on the commands of her God regardless of the situation, and yet, beginning last session, her organization has been misaligned as being a hate organization or one that causes people to become affiliated with a hate organization. **Ms. Koutnik** described situations related to testimony she presented at hearings last session, encounters with Ken Toole of the Montana Human Rights Network, instances of misalignment of her organization with issues they were not involved in, adverse press coverage not based on facts, and hateful attitudes directed towards her and her organization.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

**SEN. JEFF WELDON** said he objects to the last two witnesses being shown as "no-ponents", he believes they should be shown as opponents as their statements were against the resolution.

**SEN. MACK COLE** asked if Senator Weldon's comments are something the Committee should vote on as that may not be the wish of all members.

**CHAIRMAN HARDING** asked Senator Weldon if he cared to place his comments in the form of a motion to be voted on by the Committee.

**SEN. WELDON** said he's not sure if a motion is in order, it was a request of a member of the Committee. **SEN. COLE** said that is fine, then.

**SEN. COLE** said, as a person who has spent a number of years in a foreign country and has seen harassment of many types, he can empathize with the issues expressed by Arlette Randash and Laurie Koutnik. He said, however, he does not believe that any one group has a monopoly on prejudice.

**SEN. MIKE FOSTER** wanted to clarify that the request of Arlette Randash and Laurie Koutnik to be recorded as "no-ponents" should be respected because, while they had criticism of some of the wording in the resolution, in concept, they expressed strong support for the resolution.

**SEN. COLE** agreed that they should not be listed as opponents because they had as much right to speak on the resolution as anybody else.

**SEN. DON HARGROVE** stated he understands the positions of the last two witnesses. He believes the resolution would be improved if the wording beginning on line 23 that tries to define who may be involved was eliminated, and leave the wording as "crimes of hate, prejudice, and bigotry against anyone have no place in our beloved state." He believes any type of list will exclude someone.

CHAIRMAN HARDING said, based on the resistance to Senator Weldon's request, the last two witnesses should be listed as "no-ponents".

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. HALLIGAN said he would prefer not to *strike* language from the resolution but perhaps language could be *added* which would, in effect, respect people's political and philosophical opinions.

SEN. HALLIGAN reiterated that this Senate resolution reflects their collective will in attempting to lend stability and encouragement to respect the rights and opinions of others. He commented briefly on some of the statements made during testimony. He said he agreed with the statement that "not all violence is deadly", and he believes that a person's *spirit* may also be harmed because of acts of hate.

CHAIRMAN HARDING closed the Hearing on SR 5.

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HEARING ON SJR 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. ETHEL HARDING, Senate District 37, Polson, said SJR 25 was based on a decision by the Committee to bridge a gap between some differences over campaign finance laws that were created primarily due to the passage of I118. SJR 25 requests an interim study of Montana campaign finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. COLE congratulated David Niss, Senator Weldon, and Senator Foster for the work they have done on SJR 25.

SEN. WELDON clarified, to cover any gaps in the Committee's records, that previous records would not indicate that the Committee had concluded to request this resolution.

SEN. HARGROVE asked Senator Harding what process will take place at this point. SEN. HARDING said this request would be entered in the list of interim studies to be decided upon by the legislature. David Niss said members of the legislature are asked to prioritize all of the study resolutions. The Council is given a finite amount of money and that is what decides how many resolutions are going to be studied. He said that typically, the Council is given enough money to do five to seven studies, depending upon the number of staff and the number of meetings necessary. He said that a line is then drawn on the list of priorities and those above the line are funded, and those below the line are not.

VICE CHAIRMAN MESAROS closed the Hearing on SJR 25.

#### HEARING ON SJR 24

##### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. ETHEL HARDING, Senate District 37, Polson, said SJR 24 is a resolution to celebrate the 100th year of women elected to state legislatures. She said a state event is being planned for a celebration.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

##### Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. WELDON commented that in the Hallway of Honor on the first floor of the Capitol, there is an item honoring Maggie Smith-Hathaway.

VICE CHAIRMAN MESAROS closed the Hearing on SJR 24.

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 24

Motion/Vote: SEN. WELDON moved that SJR 24 DO PASS.  
The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY on oral vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 25

Motion/Vote: SEN. MESAROS moved that SJR 25 DO PASS.  
The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY on oral vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 5

Discussion: CHAIRMAN HARDING agreed that Senator Hargrove's suggestion to modify lines 23 and 24 to state that "crimes of hate, prejudice, and bigotry against anyone have no place in our beloved state" would make SR 5 a better resolution. She stated, however, that Senator Halligan preferred that language not be deleted.

Motion: SEN. FOSTER moved that SR 5 DO PASS.

Motion: SEN. HARGROVE moved TO STRIKE FROM LINES 23 and 24  
", regardless of race, religion, age, gender, culture,  
disability, or sexual orientation,"

Discussion: SEN. FOSTER said he supports the motion, and he had suggested to Senator Halligan that the language "philosophical or political views" be added to cover the concerns raised. He believes it would cover most circumstances, but he agrees with Senator Hargrove that a danger exists of leaving someone out.

SEN. WELDON said he would resist this motion. He said those groups or classes of people are often the ones who are discriminated against, so by taking that language out, he believes it weakens the resolution.

Substitute Motion: SEN. WELDON made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION that lines 23 and 24 read as follows "That crimes of hate, prejudice, and bigotry against anyone, regardless of political or philosophical opinion, race, ....."

Vote: The SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED 6-2 on roll call vote.

Discussion: SEN. COLE referred to the language in line 17 that refers to "people of color" and he believes it should be broadened, as he experienced acts of hate while living in another country.

**SEN. HARGROVE** said he would clarify that the resolution refers to what is being witnessed in Montana.

**Motion:** **SEN. FOSTER** moved to INSERT on line 16 after harassment against "people holding varying philosophical or political views," Jews, ...

**Discussion:** **SEN. COLE** would like to change that amendment and strike "people of color" and insert "race".

**SEN. FOSTER** said it could read "and harassment against Jews, homosexuals, and people of varying philosophical or political views and race". **VARIOUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS** disagreed with that language and David Niss clarified that that language is structured correctly.

**SEN. BROOKE** asked for clarification on the objection to the language "people of color". **SEN. COLE** explained again that his opinion is that people who are white can also be discriminated against.

**SEN. HARGROVE** asked Senator Foster if he believed his proposed amendments addressed issues that are of concern in Montana.

**SEN. FOSTER** said yes, because the resolution addressees "acts of hate, prejudice, and bigotry."

**SEN. BROOKE** said the proposed language "and harassment against Jews, homosexuals, and people of varying philosophical or political views and race" seems bulky to her and that it minimizes the consideration for "race".

**Ms. Niss** clarified the amendment would be that page 1, line 17 strike "color" and insert "varying political or philosophical views, or race".

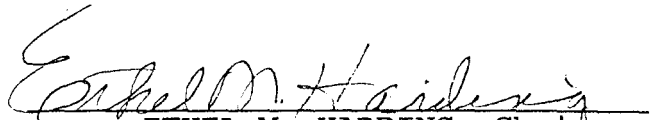
**Vote:** The MOTION CARRIED 6-2 on roll call vote.

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. FOSTER** moved that SR 5 DO PASS AS AMENDED. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY on oral vote.



ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:50 AM

  
ETHEL M. HARDING, Chairman

  
GAIL MOSER, Secretary

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MONTANA SENATE  
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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration SJR 24 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that SJR 24 do pass.

Signed: Ethel M. Harding  
Senator Ethel M. Harding, Chair

 Amd. Coord.  
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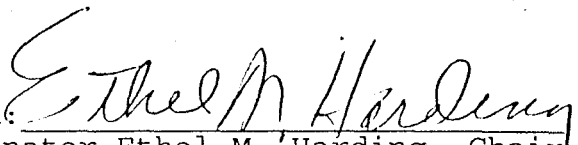
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
MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration SJR 25 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that SJR 25 do pass.

Signed:

  
Senator Ethel M. Harding, Chair

  
Amd. Coord.

 Sec. of Senate

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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April 6, 1995

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on State Administration having had under consideration SR 5 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that SR 5 be amended as follows and as so amended do pass.

Signed Ethel M. Harding  
Senator Ethel M. Harding, Chair

That such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 17.

Strike: "color"


Insert: "varying political or philosophical views or races"

2. Page 1, line 23.

Following: "regardless of"

Insert: "political or philosophical opinion,"

-END-

  
Amd. Coord.  
Sec. of Senate

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## MONTANA SENATE

1995 LEGISLATURE

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE

DATE 04-06-95

BILL NO.

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MOTION:

Sen Wilson MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION

To Add Language "Political or philosophical opinion"

Substitution Reaction Carbocation 62

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DATE 04-0695 BILL NO. SRS NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Amend PAGE 1, LINE 17 - STRIKE "Color" AND INSERT  
"varying political or philosophical views, or race"

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SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 1

DATE 04-06-95

BILL NO. SRS

**TO:** Senator Harding, Chair  
Members of the Senate State Administration Committee

**RE:** In Support of Senate Resolution 5

**DATE:** April 6, 1995

I am Sandra Hale, Executive Director of PRIDE! - Montana's public policy voice for lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals. Our mission is to secure the constitutional rights of privacy, equal protection under the law, and human dignity for this community.

PRIDE! applauds Senate Resolution 5 condemning acts of hatred and intolerance motivated by a person's race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. But the fact remains that it is not a crime to be Hispanic in Montana. It is not a crime to be Jewish or a practicing Catholic in Montana. It is not a crime to be a woman, but it is still a felony in Montana to be an adult lesbian engaging in sexual activities in the privacy of her own home with her lifetime partner.

Until Montana's Deviate Sexual Conduct Statute is eliminated from Montana law, anti-gay vandalism as demonstrated on the Capitol last week still remains sanctioned by the State. True justice and equality for all citizens of this state do not exist until law-abiding gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals are made first-class Montanans.

If the Montana Legislature wants to send a message to the people of Montana that it truly does not condone acts of hatred and intolerance, then as quickly as you have created this Senate Resolution, I also urge you to strike from Montana law the Deviate Sexual Conduct Statute. It's unenforceable, unfair, and a ignoble stain on the moral fiber of Montana.





Hate has no world.

The people of hate  
must try to possess  
the world of love.  
for it is the only world;  
it is Heaven and Earth.  
But as lonely, eager  
hate possesses it,  
it disappears;  
it never did exist,  
and hate must seek  
another world that love  
has made.

Wendell Berry  
Sabbaths 1993

Christian Witness for Humanity  
is a special project  
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The Montana  
Association  
of Churches

### Member Judicatories

American Baptist Churches of the  
Northwest, Big Sky Area

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
of Montana

Episcopal Church, Diocese of  
Montana

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America  
Montana Synod

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Glacier & Yellowstone Presbytery

Roman Catholic Church  
Great Falls/Billings Diocese  
Helena Diocese

United Church of Christ  
Montana - N. Wyoming Conference

United Methodist Church  
Yellowstone Conference

SENATE STATE ADMIN.

EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 04-06-95

BILL NO. SRS

# Christian Witness for Humanity

"For this people's heart has  
grown dull, and their ears  
hard of hearing, and they have  
shut their eyes; so that they  
might not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears, and  
understand with their heart  
and turn-  
and I would heal them."

Matthew 13:15

## What is Extremism?

Extremism seeks to limit or differentiate the rights of specific groups to participate in society.

Extremism separates groups of people along racial, ethnic, religious or other lines and assigns relative values to each.

Extremists seek to impose their values at the expense of the basic freedoms of others, such as the freedom of religion, or freedom of speech.

Extremists try to silence their opposition.

Extremists are often dependent on charismatic leaders that claim to have all the answers.

Extremists doctrines hold particular appeal to those in despair and who feel alienated, disenfranchised, and disempowered.

Extremists promote conspiracy theories based on limited, often questionable, information. In doing so, they divert energy and resources from positive, inclusive, community action that CAN make a difference.

Christian Witness for Humanity has a variety of resources available for assisting any congregation, denomination, or community organization in education and outreach concerning extremism . . .

Speakers  
Resource materials  
and  
Workshops

or, if you would like to contribute in some way:

Please call 406-656-9779



## The Value and Power of Community

Freedom, Justice and Peace are central Biblical themes. They are the basis of responsible relationships for human beings living in community. Christian Witness for Humanity was created to articulate and promote the unifying principles of all faiths: love, compassion, tolerance and justice. It is only through these principles that true freedom and peace can be realized.

As creations in the image and likeness of God, we are all equal. The Christian community of faith is called upon to respond to bias and hate, and provide a witness of love, tolerance and equality.



"As Christians we are called to become a new creation in Christ, to open our ears and eyes to the hurt and pain and destruction caused by racism and racial violence. We are challenged to find the way to an inclusive, pluralistic society that celebrates and affirms the gifts and perspectives of all . . ."

Rev. Helen Locklear  
Racial Justice Leadership Development  
Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

April 6, 1995

Senate State Administration  
Arlette Randash

Today I rise as a no-ponent to SR5 in order to raise some points for your consideration as you debate the merits of this resolution.

I have testified before this committee before, so you know that I have known personally the horror of bigotry and hate, my own Mother was caught behind German lines in WW II. I grew up searching through history books pondering how a Christian nation could have permitted the Holocaust to take place. I stand unequivocally against hate, prejudice, and bigotry.

However, hate can have many dimensions, and this resolution does not define "hate." As a devout Christian and a pro-life advocate, I submit that the ultimate act of hate and prejudice is the killing of the unborn child in the womb. It is hate that has passed the boundaries of rhetoric, of prejudice, and of justice. It is the destruction of an innocent, totally dependent, and developing human being. A expandable person defined away by the prejudice of some as a burden, unwanted, a reminder of irresponsible sexual activity. A hate crime reported 2,644 times in Montana in 1993, fully sanctioned by the government. Would you consider adding the unborn to this laundry list of hate crime targets that we will not tolerate in Montana?

Further, I want you to know that I have felt moments of hate focused at me for the stands I have taken in defense of the unborn. In those tragic times when deranged people have murdered abortionists I have felt fear from those who were unwilling to separate a tragic act of the deranged from those who use legitimate means of working to protect the lives of the unborn. I have had people who serve as both legislators and as lobbyists to this body put their faces within inches of mine and mock me. I have never considered asking for a resolution by the state saying that such acts would not be tolerated.....because I felt that my demeanor and the truth I spoke were ultimately the best protection I had.....the best hope that love would win out over hate. But since there is a laundry list would you consider adding pro-lifers, or any other groups of individuals normally vilified, such as hunters, gun owners, ranchers, women who wear fur, loggers, overburdened taxpayers, or misunderstood office holders?

And please should you believe I exaggerate the pro-life position..... in late January the Boston Globe reported that Attorney General Janet Reno had just announced that the Justice Department would begin to monitor ant-abortion rhetoric saying she intended to vigorously and thoroughly investigate all such cases. William Donohue, president of the Catholic League, pointed out that the real story behind Janet Reno's remarkable statement is that most of those in the media would be outraged if the government were to monitor the rhetoric of black militants, or antiwar activists. He makes a good point, a point I think SR5 does not sufficiently address. What constitutes protected speech under 1st Amendment rights..... and what constitutes hate? Not a philosophical question..... a question of substance since March 10 a lawsuit was filed against a pro-life group in Florida because their pro-life rhetoric allegedly created the environment in which Griffin chose to

kill an abortionist named Gunn. What the pro-lifers consider the rhetoric needed to protect human life, others deem as the rhetoric of hate.

Let me share with you headlines which some might submit create an atmosphere charged with bigotry and prejudice against pro-lifers. .... Could these actually end up someday as exhibits of proof that an environment of hate was perpetrated by the media against those who do not believe in contraception and abortion? SR5 as written does not clarify that issue.

The Montana Human Rights Network has come before you as proponents of SR5. They are a non-profit organization supposedly dedicated to alerting the public to hate crimes. Yet as a Christian I have felt that I was the incorrectly labeled and became a target of their vigilance. In an article during the 1993 session entitled "Hunting Down Hate" in the IR dated February 7, .....

Consider for a moment their most current issue of "The Human Rights Network News" (see page 6) .... As members of this committee I submit to you that the language of this bill needs to be precisely worded, so that this legislative body does not succumb to the pitfalls that the MHRN falls into.....making villains and marginalizing the very people they are quick to accuse of hate mongering and extremism. And even though SR5 is only a resolution, its passage should not violate the spirit of the constitutional guarantee of the freedom of speech. Hate, prejudice, and bigotry deserve our vigilant resistance. But on this committee falls the responsibility to carefully craft the language of SR5 so that all those who have felt the sting of disdain are not short changed in the process..... so that all of us will be protected as we live out the generosity and big-heartedness of spirit that matches the plains and the grandeur of this state alluded to in the opening lines of this resolution.

(*Extremist Agenda, continued from page 5*)

hearing and showed how the bill supported the efforts of such groups as the Militia of Montana and promoted violent activity and paranoid extremism, several representatives scrambled to have their names removed from the bill. HJ 18 was firmly rejected in committee.

Kamala Webb, who identified herself as a militia organizer, testified in support of HJ 18. Webb is also the state director of the Fully Informed Jury Association, a former county coordinator for United We Stand Montana, and a former organizer for Rob Natelson's Montanans for Better Government. She was speaker at Red Beckman's "No More Wacos" gathering in Billings on January 29, 1994 and claims to be a friend of Beckman's.

Webb also claims to be a friend of Louis Beam. Beam is an internationally known white supremacist whose ideas on leaderless resistance are deeply entrenched in racist circles. Beam was a KKK activist known for his harassment of Vietnamese fishermen in Texas, was on the FBI's 10 most-wanted list, and was tried for sedition.

#### **ACE Activists Support Anti-Indian Bill**

HB 486, introduced by Rep. Rick Jore (R—Ronan), would have rejected years of negotiation between the State and the Salish-Kootenai Confederated Tribes. The bill, which was tabled in committee, would have terminated the state-tribal hunting and fishing cooperative agreement and directed the State to renegotiate an agreement more favorable to non-Indian property owners.

The first person to testify in support of the bill was Del Palmer, known across the country for his leadership in the anti-Indian group, All Citizens Equal (ACE). The group is part of a well organized national network of the anti-Indian movement whose goals are to abolish Indian treaties, tribal governments, and reservations.

Activists like Palmer want to take away Indians' power to regulate water quality, gambling, schools, recreation, and every other matter of any consequence. "I don't like their stinkin' outfit," says Palmer, according to the *Los Angeles Times Magazine*. Palmer has called for "termination" of the reservation. In 1989, *The Missoulian* quoted him as saying, "The time's coming that we're going to have Black this and Black that and Indian this and Indian that in government."

Palmer has been arrested more than once for hunting without a tribal permit. "No Indian government is going to tell me what I can do on my own land or anywhere else," he told the *LA Times Magazine* 15 months ago. That was the general theme of his testimony before the Montana House Fish and Game Committee in February.

#### **Ex-Klansman in the Halls**

As part of the attack on government, a bill restricting the ability of the Montana Department of Family Services to deal with child abuse cases drew support from a Missoula man with a history of racist activism. Although the bill has been introduced in previous sessions, it never

received serious consideration. This time around an amended version has been passed out of the Senate.

Among those supporting the bill was Bill Fowler. Fowler has a history with the KKK and Aryan Nations before moving to Missoula sometime in the mid-eighties. In the mid-sixties he lived in Southern California and was the state chairman of the California Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Now, thirty years later, he stands before the Montana state legislature supporting a bill that will help him regain custody of his children.

He was known as Rev. William V. Fowler when he was arrested in 1966 for attempting to hold a KKK rally without a proper permit. He was the leader of the Covenant Church of Jesus Christ, a Klan front organization. The head of the American Nazi Party was arrested with him on the same charge. At the time of his arrest, Fowler acknowledged that he was "anti-Negro and anti-Jewish."

That was thirty years ago. A lot can change in thirty years. But has it? In 1984 the *Spokane Spokesman Review* reported on a tax problem involving land believed to be owned by the Aryan Nations Church of Jesus Christ Christian. It seems that a William Fowler of Missoula had a competing Church of Jesus Christ Christian, Inc., and the names were being confused by county tax officials.

According to Richard Butler, white supremacist and pastor of the Aryan Nations church, Fowler attend his church in the 1970's during the early years of the Aryan Nations. Butler mentioned that Fowler had been married at the white supremacist compound.

Fowler appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 6 to support SB 206. The bill, as introduced by Sen. Jim Burnett (R—Luther) would have provided protection for suspected perpetrators of child abuse.

According to his own testimony, Fowler's two sons have been removed from his custody because of suspected child abuse and Fowler wants them back. He claims he is currently involved in custody hearings.

SB 206 has been drastically amended to remove the most offensive provisions that seriously threaten children's safety. The amended SB 206 passed the Senate 37-12 and is headed into the House.

#### **State's Rights Bill**

##### **Brings Out Property-Rights Extremist**

Charging that the federal government has violated the U.S. Constitution and that the state has the right to "reject any attempt by the federal government to usurp the state's power by forced federal mandates," state's rights activists have introduced several measures at the legislature. Long touted in the racist right-wing press (*The Spotlight* and *Jubilee*), these measures now enjoy widespread support from Republicans, the Christian Coalition, and many mainstream groups.

Introduced by Sen. Larry Baer (R—Bigfork), SB 143 is a constitutional amendment which rejects federal man-

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It is well-documented that drinking causes many of the automobile accidents reported each year. What is less publicized, however, is that alcohol plays a large role in other types of accidents as well.

Some studies have shown, for example, that alcoholics are seven times more likely than nonalcoholics to meet with fatal accidents of all types.

These include an astonishing number of deaths from fire and asphyxiation because of alcohol-related carelessness, such as falling asleep with a lighted cigarette or leaving flammable materials too

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gays as a rallying point, he says.

More and more, Toole says, the "racist right is moving into the Christian right, and they're using homosexuality as the avenue in."

For example, the flier passed out at the Billings Martin Luther King vigil was printed by the KKK but made no mention of race, Toole says. Instead, it played on the theme of homosexuality, using Bible verses addressing the issue.

The pamphlet also drew on other themes often addressed by the Christian right, Toole says, including abortion, school prayer, and rock and rap lyrics.

Floyd Cochran, a former Aryan Nations member who recanted his views and now lives in Missoula, has said racist groups often use issues such as homosexuality and gun control in an effort to get members of the far right to sympathize with their agenda, Toole says.

"We need to understand better what this Christian extremist movement is all about," he says.

Toole says it is now a trend for members of racist or extreme Christian groups to seek public office, David Duke being the best-known example.

The Christian Coalition, a group formed by Pat Robertson, encourages its members to work to further its agenda by changing policy, Toole says.

"These people talk about returning this country to 'righteousness law,' which is God's Law as they see it," he says.

Such groups are doing more than expressing their own beliefs, they are pushing for changes that intrude on the freedoms of those who believe differently, Toole says.

He says "promoting tolerance for diversity" through action and by changing policy is the best way to head off such efforts.

Many boating accidents and drownings are the result of consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Too much booze tends to make some people foolhardy. They never would dream of risking when cold, or tend themselves far beyond their limit, or have a false sense of security in their capabilities or equipment.

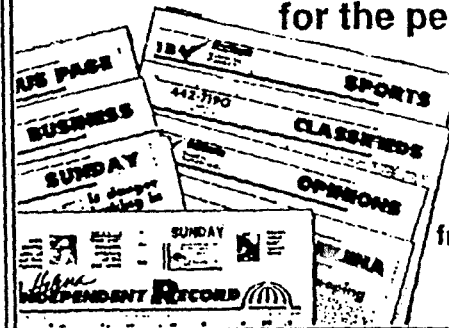
There has been an increase in alcohol-related accidents in various forms of transportation, including motorcycle, snowmobiles, sailboats and even cross-country skiing.

Drinking also has been pinpointed as a factor in many accidents, such as falling off ladders, getting cut with knives, or using sharp instruments. Whole new areas of disaster are being created by lawnmowers, power saws and power hedge trimmers for the drunk driver. The amateur gardener or gentleman farmer who guzzles beer while operating these dangerous tools may be cutting something more delicate and painful than grass.

Statistics indicate that alcohol is a direct factor in a large percent of all accidental deaths — whether on the highway, in the water or in falls.

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