

## 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.


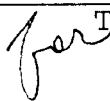
**Motion/Vote:** REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL moved to remove the Montana State University's Montana Watercourse project for \$100,000, as well as remove last session's grant to the town of Hot Springs Camus Therapy Center in the amount of \$150,000 from HB 6. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**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.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.

  
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SEN. MIKE FOSTER, Chairman

  
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 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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Senator Carrying Bill

HB 6  
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## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 6

2 INTRODUCED BY BERGSAGEL

3 BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

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

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

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

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

22 (3) There is appropriated to the department of natural resources and conservation all other funds  
23 that are not appropriated under subsections (1) and (2) and that are available for grants to political  
24 subdivisions and local government entities from the renewable resource grant and loan state special revenue  
25 account during the 1997 biennium. The funds appropriated in this section must be awarded by the  
26 department of natural resources and conservation to the named entities for the described purposes and in  
27 the described grant amounts set out in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 1  
28 through 4] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January  
29 1995 report to the 54th legislature. The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the grants listed in  
30 subsection (4), with grants to be made in the order indicated in the prioritized list of projects and activities.

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	<del>Richland County</del>	<del>50,000</del>
7	<del>—(Lone Tree Dam Rehabilitation)</del>	
8	<del>Mile High Conservation District *</del>	<del>99,933</del>
9	<del>—(Effects of Land Uses on Montana's Salinized Lands)</del>	
10	Butte-Silver Bow Local Government	<del>50,000</del> <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	<del>Park Conservation District</del>	<del>100,000</del>
15	<del>—(Soil Survey on Rangelands and Forestlands / Park County)</del>	
16	Chouteau and Fergus Counties *	<del>27,892</del> <u>50,000</u>
17	(PN Bridge - Campground)	
18	Libby Area Conservancy District	35,000
19	(Libby-Granite-Cherry Creek Flood Control Plan)	
20	<del>Montana Historical Society</del>	<del>100,000</del>
21	<del>—(PLACES Master Plan for Rec. Enhance. in German Gulch)</del>	
22	Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks *	100,000
23	(Assessment of Aquatic Resources in the Blackfoot Basin)	
24	<del>Hidden Lake Water District</del>	<del>34,898</del>
25	<del>—(Hidden Lake Irrigation Water System)</del>	
26	<del>Kalispell, City of</del>	<del>50,000</del>
27	<del>—(North Side Water Well Project)</del>	
28	<del>Yellowstone County</del>	<del>50,000</del>
29	<del>—(Metra Park Enhancement)</del>	
30	Hysham, Town of	50,000

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