

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 54th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS & CULTURAL EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MARGE FISHER**, on January 4, 1995, at 8:11 AM

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Marjorie I. Fisher, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Larry J. Tveit, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gary C. Aklestad (R)  
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)  
Rep. Steve Vick (D)  
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Lisa Smith, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Mary LaFond, Office of Budget & Program Planning  
Brandee Decrevel, Committee Secretary

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: **ORIENTATION**  
Executive Action: **NONE**

#### **ORIENTATION**

Meeting was called to order by **CHAIRMAN MARGE FISHER** on January 4, 1995 at 8:11 AM. The coffee fund was the first item discussed. Everyone was told to pitch in \$5.00 if they wish to drink coffee.

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** also pointed out that if any of the committee members need any letters typed they need to go to the word processing center where they would do the typing, not the sub-committee secretary.

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** informed the committee of the upcoming safety meeting that would occur January 5, 1995 and the sub-committee would adjourn at 11:00 am to attend.

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** introduced **Lisa Smith, Legislative Fiscal Analyst**. **Ms. Smith** informed the members that the LFA staff was there to provide information and that if they didn't know the answer they would find it for them. **Ms. Smith** told the members of the committee that her office was located in room 109. She also told them that the sub-committee would review the Budget Analysis Book. **Ms. Smith** said that she is hoping to use the book for all of the committee's action and for reference, so we must understand the way it is formatted. Handouts were passed out by Lisa (page Agency-1, Agency Subcommittee Groupings). The binders have the agencies that will be heard in this subcommittee. Subcommittee discussed page D-98. LFA staff used the Historical Society as an example since it will be the first agency the committee hears. The first column is the base budget, FY 1994, actual amended adjusted expenditures. One time only expenditures and budget amendments were removed from actual expenditures. The next column are the present law base adjustments which include adjustments for inflation, fixed costs and pay plan. The third column is for the governor's new proposals. The fourth column is the total executive budget; the base plus adjustments plus new proposals. Then there are three more columns with the same information for FY 1997 and then a total for the biennium. There is a relationship between this table and the table above. If you look at the table at the top of the page, the left hand column is Present Law Budget FY 1996 and is the sum of the first two columns in the bottom table, base budget plus present law base adjustments. The purpose of the top table is to present the information the way we were requested to in **HB 7**. **Ms. Smith** asked for any questions.

**REP. RED MENAHAN** asked with the discrepancies between the budget office and the LFA, where is the committee in regard to that?

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** said the sub-committee would start with the LFA.

**SEN. LARRY TVEIT** also replied that the subcommittees are going to work on the 1994 base. This is the committee's starting point. Then the committee will have to have motions to add anything in, to build the budget.

**REP. RED MENAHAN** stated that the lower column was the budget the committee was going to work from and they would either add to or subtract from it.

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** stated that is how the committee would make its motion.

**SEN. MIGNON WATERMAN** asked if the present law adjustment column that allows for inflation and fixed costs still has one time costs removed.

**Ms. Smith**, replied that the one-time only's have been pulled from the base column, not the adjusted column. She pointed out that the new proposal table at the agency level is a summary of all the new proposals in the agency.

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** said that the meetings will begin as follows: LFA staff will give a brief summary on the agency, they will highlight the concerns and then the agency director will give their overview of the functions and the issues that they have. Then there will be time for questions and research. On the next day, when they have finished the public testimony, questions, and presentations, the committee will close the program. Some agencies will have only one or two programs so the committee will hear all the information before taking any executive action. This procedure will be followed for each program.

**SEN. WATERMAN** asked "Will we take executive action at the end of each department's budget, not at the end of each program budget?"

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** replied that executive action will take place at the end of each specific program. The smaller agencies' action will be done at the end of the each agency. She also asked for any questions or comments from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM by **CHAIRMAN MARGE FISHER**.

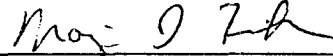
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:40 AM



MARJORIE I. FISHER, Chairman



BRANDEE J. DECREVEL, Secretary

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## Joint Appropriations Subcommittee

ROLL CALL

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep. Marj Fisher, Chairman	✓		
Rep. Red Menahan	✓		
Rep. Steve Vick	✓		
Sen. Larry Tveit, Vice Chairman	✓		
Sen. Gary Aklestad	✓		
Sen. Mignon Waterman	✓		

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Kathy McGowan	mcmhc / CDPm		
Ch. Wall	mcmhc / Capm		
Arlene Lisibaugh	Mt. Arts Council		
Carleen Layne	Mt Arts Council		
Glenn Harrison	MT Cultural Council		
Geri Smith	MT Cultural Advancement		
Richard Miller	MT State Library		
Kas. Smith	MT State Library		
Allan Cox	NRIS-Mt. State Library		
Sharon McCabe	Historical Society		
Brian Cockburn	Mt. Hist. Soc.		

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