

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 547

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN LORENTS GROSFIELD, on April 16, 1997,
at 1:30 P.M., in ROOM 108.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. William Rehbein, Jr. (R)
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)
Rep. Bill Carey (D)
Sen. Lorents Grosfield (R)
Sen. Linda J. Nelson (D)
Sen. Kenneth "Ken" Mesaros (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Staff Attorney
Jaelene Racicot, Secretary

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 547

SEN. GROSFIELD explained the amendments. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.}*

Motion: SEN. MESAROS MOVED TO AMEND HB 547. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.2.}*

Discussion:

REP. REHBEIN stated he did not have a problem with the amendment. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.9.}*

REP. CAREY asked Ms. Kurtz if the amendment was within the title of the bill. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.5.}*

SEN. NELSON stated she would like recover some of the expenses of quarantining the bison. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.3.}*

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Laurence Petersen, Department of Livestock, about the amendment dealing with the authority to quarantine. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.8.}*

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mr. Petersen about the plan to quarantine bison. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.4.}*

SEN. MESAROS asked Mr. Petersen what the cost would be for a quarantine facility. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.2.}**

SEN. MESAROS asked Mr. Petersen about the location desired for a quarantine facility. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.9.}**

REP. ANDERSON asked Mr. Petersen to comment on the cost to state compared to the current program for the bison leaving the park. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.2.}**

REP. ANDERSON asked Mr. Petersen what a live bison was worth. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.2.}**

REP. ANDERSON asked Mr. Petersen what the bison were selling for that were auctioned off. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.1.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked George Harris, Department of Livestock, what the total income and cost would be to operate the program. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.7.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mr. Petersen if the Department of Livestock supported the amendment. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.9.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mick Robinson, Governor's Office, if they would support the amendment. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.8.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mr. Petersen if he had a per animal expense estimates on quarantine bison. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.6.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked George Harris what the per animal cost would be. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.7.}**

REP. ANDERSON asked Mr. Petersen the number of bison leaving the park and cost incurred. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mr. Petersen if he had spending authority to build the quarantine. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.0.}**

REP. CAREY asked Mr. Petersen when would they build the quarantine facility. **{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.9.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Jim Richard, Montana Wildlife Federation, to comment on the bill. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.}**

REP. ANDERSON asked Mr. Richard how would the state pay for the cost of the capture and quarantine of bison other than through the sale of bison. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.3.}**

SEN. MESAROS expounded on the purpose of the amendment. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.2.}**

REP. REHBEIN commented on the proceeds from the sale of bison. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.5.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD commented on the language on direct agency costs and overhead costs. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}**

REP. REHBEIN stated the Senate amendments were rejected because of the language dealing with the food bank organizations. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.7.}**

REP. CAREY asked George Ochenski, Herd Tribal Bison Cooperative, to comment on the bill and the amendments. Mr. Ochenski asked for a provision in the bill to allow the tribes to participate in the program. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.7.}**

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SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mr. Ochenski to explain the intent of his amendment. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.3.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mr. Ochenski if he wanted a quarantine on an Indian reservation in another state. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.2.}**

REP. REHBEIN asked Mr. Petersen if they could enter into a relationship with the tribes. **{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.1.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD said the free conference committee will meet again after today's floor adjournment.

Recess Time: 2:27 p.m.

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Ms. Kurtz to explain the different amendments. **{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .8.}**

SEN. MESAROS asked Pat Graham, Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks, to explain the amendments. **{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.7.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mr. Graham comment on the bill and the amendments. **{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.7.}**

REP. CAREY asked Peggy Grimes, Missoula Food Bank Network, to comment on the three proposed amendments. **{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.5.}**

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Peggy Grimes to clarify. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.3.}

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Ms. Kurtz if the word "process" was the correct terminology. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.7.}

Motion: REP. ANDERSON MOVED TO AMEND HB 547 (054707.ALK). {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.9.}

Discussion:

REP. CAREY asked for a clarification on the amendment. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.3.}

SEN. GROSFIELD commented on the amendment. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.8.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.3.}

Discussion:

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Ms. Kurtz to explain an amendment. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.6.}

Motion: SEN. MESAROS MOVED TO AMEND HB 547 (54703.ALK). {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.3.}

Discussion:

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Mr. Petersen if the state needed federal approval. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.4.}

REP. CAREY asked Mr. Petersen to comment on the amendment. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.3.}

REP. REHBEIN asked Mr. Petersen to comment on the costs with the program. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.2.}

REP. CAREY asked Ms. Kurtz what was the distinction between the costs in the amendment. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.9.}

SEN. GROSFIELD clarified the language and asked Ms. Kurtz to respond. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.2.}

REP. ANDERSON asked Mr. Ochenski to comment on how the tribes would participate. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.}

REP. ANDERSON asked for a clarification on the amendment. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.2.}

REP. CAREY asked REP. RANEY to comment on the amendment. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5.}

REP. RANEY asked SEN. GROSFIELD about statement of intent. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.2.}

REP. REHBEIN stated the original intent of the bill was if the federal government did not come up with a solution. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.8.}

SEN. GROSFIELD stated this quarantine was an expensive alternative. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.4.}

SEN. NELSON stated the committee needed a statement of intent. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.4.}

SEN. GROSFIELD commented on the need of a statement of intent. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.0.}

SEN. GROSFIELD asked Ms. Kurtz to clarify. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.3.}

REP. CAREY asked Ms. Kurtz the original intent of the bill. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.5.}

SEN. GROSFIELD clarified the amendments. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

REP. REHBEIN stated the bill, in its current form, was not as favorable as when it came out of the House. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.4.}

SEN. GROSFIELD asked REP. REHBEIN to clarify his comments. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.4.}

Motion/Vote: SEN. MESAROS MOVED TO AMEND HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE ALL THE AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED IN HB 547. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. {Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 20.3.}

Discussion:

REP. CAREY wanted the committee to consider a technical amendment. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.8.}

Ms. Kurtz commented on the language. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.4.}

REP. CAREY explained what the Montana Food Bank Network. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.4.}

SEN. MESAROS asked REP. CAREY charitable organizations. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.3.}

SEN. NELSON asked Peggy Grimes about the Montana Food Bank Network. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.0.}*

SEN. GROSFIELD clarified the language "charitable". *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.3.}*

Peggy Grimes explained the language "charitable" organizations. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.5.}*

REP. ANDERSON asked Ms. Kurtz to comment. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.5.}*

REP. CAREY clarified the language. *{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.}*

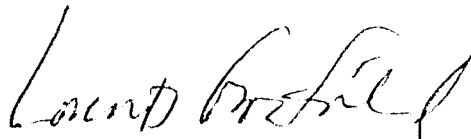
Ms. Kurtz proposed a conceptual amendment. *{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .6.}*

Motion/Vote: REP. CAREY MOVED TO AMEND HB 547. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH REP. NELSON NOT VOTING BECAUSE SHE WAS ABSENT. *{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.8.}*

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVED HB 547 DO CONCUR AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. *{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.7.}*

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:55 P.M.



SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

LG/JR