

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Dick Knox, on January 24, 1997, at
3:09 p.m., in Room 437

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dick Knox, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Tash, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Hal Harper, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)
Rep. Doug Mood (R)
Rep. Karl Ohs (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr. (R)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)
Rep. Douglas T. Wagner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Kathleen Williams, Legislative Services
Stephanie Braun, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 181, HB 284, HB 288
Executive Action: none

HEARING ON HB 181

Prior to listening to HB 181, Rep. Knox had **Ronna Alexander of the MT Petroleum Marketers Association** hand out information regarding the prices of aboveground versus underground storage tanks in connection with HB 225. Handout was marked **Exhibit #1**.

Rep. Knox asked, prior to listening to HB 181, how many people were there to support HB 181 (4) and how many opposed the Bill (18). He told the Opponents they would have a maximum of 40 minutes to present their cases.

Rep. Knox also appointed Rep. Tash to reside as Chairman over the hearings for the day.

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bill Rehbein, HD 100

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Francis Jacobs, Commissioner for Phillips County submitted **Exhibit #20**

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: Exhibit #20.}

Wayne C. Stahl, small business owner submitted **Exhibit #2**

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.8; Comments: Exhibit #2.}

Gordon Morris, MACO

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.7; Comments: none.}

Larry Brown, Agricultural Preservation Association and the Northern Montana Oil & Gas

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: none.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Rep. Jon Ellingson, HD 65 received two letters that he submitted from constituents as **Exhibits #3** (from Rock Creek Trust, signed by Ellen Knight and John McBride) and **#4** (Five Valleys Land Trust, signed by Greg Tollefson)

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Pat Graham, Director of the MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks submitted **Exhibits #5 & 6**

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.3; Comments: Exhibits #6 & #7.}

Rep. Knox submitted a letter from Gallatin County Commissioners, Phil Olson, Jane Jelinski and William Murdock marked as **Exhibit #7**

Opponents continued:

Pat O'Connell Anderson, O'Connell-Sieben Ranch submitted exhibit #8

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John Baucus, self

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: none.}

Rep. Chase Hibbard, HD #54, representing self and the other half of the O'Connell-Sieben Ranch

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 6.9; Comments: none.}

Maureen McMahon Mannix, Mannix Brothers, Inc., 4th generation farm/ranch submitted Exhibit #11

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 10.7; Comments: Exhibit #11.}

Lisa Bay, owns 3,800 acre ranch in Wolf Creek submitted Exhibit #16

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 13.3; Comments: Exhibit #16.}

Jim Nugent, attorney representing the City of Missoula (sent by the Mayor of Missoula)

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 14.8; Comments: none.}

Gery Keogh, self

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 18.0; Comments: none.}

Glenna Obe, self

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: none.}

Brian Kahn, Common Ground

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 23.2; Comments: none.}

Thom Woodruff, representing Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (Exhibit #15 & #16), Five Valleys Land Trust, Save Open Space (Exhibit # 19), Missoula Open Space (Exhibit #18)

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Steve Gilbert, concerned sportsman

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 30.0; Comments: none.}

Stan Frazier, Prickly Pear

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 31.2; Comments: none.}

Bob Carroll, Wildlife Society submitted Exhibit #12

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OPPONENTS continued

Mike Griffith, Lewis & Clark County, City of Helena

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Jim Prichard, MT Wildlife Federation, submitted Exhibit #13

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Dan Rubin

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 0.9; Comments: none.}

Janet Ellis, MT Audubon, submitted Exhibit #13a

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 1.2; Comments: Exhibit #13a.}

Exhibit #9, Rock Creek Trust, letter to Rep. Knox, signed by Ellen Knight and John McBride

Exhibit # 10, Montana State Parks Association, signed by Mike Penfold

Exhibit #14, letter from Thomas Antonick of Townsend, MT

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Rehbein closed

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HEARING ON HB 284

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Karl Ohs, HD #33 opened

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 9.2; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mark Simonich, Department of Environmental Quality

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Proponent's Testimony continued

Janet Zimmerman, self, resident of Pony, MT

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Mary Westwood, Director of Governmental Relations for Montana Sulfur and Chemical

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: none.}

Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 30.0; Comments: none.}

Ted Lange, Northern Research Plains Council

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 0.5; Comments: none.}

Opponents' Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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HEARING ON HB 288

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Karl Ohs, HD 33 opened

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: none.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Richard Dale, Whitehall, Golden Sunlight Mine

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 25.2; Comments: none.}

John Arrigo, Department of Environmental Quality

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Angela Janacaro, MT Mining Association

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Page Dringmin, Pegasus Mines

{Tape: 4; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: none.}

Larry Brown, Northern MT Oil & Gas Association

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Opponents' Testimony: none

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

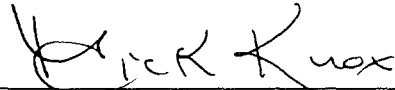
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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ohs

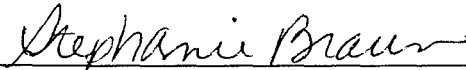
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:03 p.m.



REP. DICK KNOX, Chairman



STEPHANIE BRAUN, Secretary

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