

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on January 30, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., in Room 312.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Edward J. "Ed" Grady, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Roger DeBruycker (R)
Rep. Gary Feland (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Rep. John Johnson (D)
Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)
Rep. William R. Wiseman (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Division
Marjorie Peterson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 6, HB 8, HB 11, HB 169
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 169

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. TOM ZOOK, HD 3, Miles City, opened the hearing on HB 169, An act revising and clarifying the laws of governing appropriations and the administration of state government finances, clarifying treasury funds subject to appropriation, revising and clarifying the deposit of certain funds, revising statutory appropriation of certain funds, conforming the administration of retirement

systems to constitutional revisions, limiting the administrative expenses of the retirement systems. **REP. ZOOK** referred to the Legislative Finance committee's recommendations. **EXHIBIT 1.**

Proponents:

Kelly Jenkins, Public Employees Retirement Board, Helena. He offered his written testimony, a letter from Gregory Petesch, Legal Services Director, and background information from the Board. **EXHIBITS 2, 3, 4.**

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Terry Teichrow, Public Employees Retirement Board, Helena.

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Opponents:

Mick Robinson, Policy Director, Governor's Office, Helena.

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Informational:

Jerry LaChere, Directory, Montana Lottery, Helena.

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Questions From the Committee:

Kelly Jenkins offered information on Section 15, Public retirement system assets. **EXHIBIT 5.**

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. ZOOK closed the hearing on HB 169.

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HEARING ON HB 11

Sponsor:

REP. MATT MCCANN, HD 92, Harlem, opened the hearing on HB 11, An act appropriating money to the Department of Commerce for financial assistance to local government infrastructure projects under the Treasure State Endowment Program, authorizing grants, authorizing Treasure State Endowment Program loans to be administered by Department of National Resources and Conservation.

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Proponents:

Ray Wadsworth, Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc. Mr. Wadsworth offered his written testimony. **EXHIBIT 6.**

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Robb McCracken, Program Manager, Community Technical Assistance Program, Department of Commerce, Helena.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. MCCANN closed the hearing on HB 11.

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HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, HD 95, Malta, opened the hearing on HB 6, An act appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for grants under the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan program. REP. BERGSAGEL offered an amendment to the committee.

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Proponents:

John Tubbs, Resource Development Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Helena.

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Gloria Paladichuk, Research Center, Sidney.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. BERGSAGEL closed the hearing on HB 6.

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HEARING ON HB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, HD 95, Malta, opened the hearing on HB 8, An act approving renewable resource projects and authorizing loans, reauthorizing renewable resource projects authorized by the 54th legislature, appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for loans under the renewable resource grant and loan program, authorizing issuance of coal severance tax bonds, authorizing creation of a state debt and appropriating coal severance taxes, placing certain conditions upon loans. REP. BERGSAGEL offered an amendment to the committee.

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Proponents:

John Tubbs, Resource Development Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Helena.

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Ray Wadsworth, Montana Rural Water Systems, Inc.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

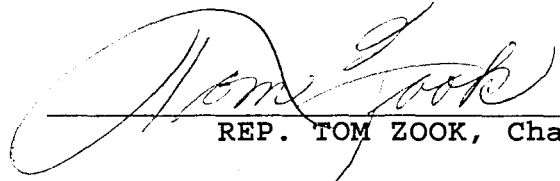
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Closing by Sponsor:


REP. BERGSAGEL closed the hearing on HB 8.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 p.m.



REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman



MARJORIE PETERSON, Secretary

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