

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT DENNY**, on February 13, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., in room 420.

ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Denny, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Matt Brainard, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)  
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)  
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)  
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Rep. Norm Mills (R)  
Rep. Doug Mood (R)  
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters (R)  
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division  
Keri Burkhardt, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 458; (2/6/97), HB 469;  
(2/7/97), HB 496; (2/9/97), HB 511; (2/11/97).

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 458

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, H.D. 99.  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .4; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association.  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.8; Comments: None.}

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Linda King, Public Employees Retirement Board.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5; Comments: None.}

Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association.

EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: None.}

Arnold Silverman, Montana Federation of Teachers, Montana Federation of State Employees.

EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.7; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.4; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KASTEN closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 36.1; Comments: None.}

#### HEARING ON HB 469

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. MATT BRAINARD, H.D. 62.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jay Sage.

EXHIBIT 3,4.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 2.2; Comments: None.}

Bobby Rossignol.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.2; Comments: None.}

Richard Motta.

EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 4.2; Comments: None.}

Richard Rossignol.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 11.3; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, Director, Government Relations, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 13.2; Comments: None.}

Larry Fasbender, Great Falls Public Schools.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 21.7; Comments: None.}

Warren Fraiser, School Administrators.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 25.6; Comments: None.}

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 30.6; Comments: None.}

Terry Minow, Montana Federation of Teachers.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 32.8; Comments: None.}

Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 33.3; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 35.7 through 20 (2/a);  
Comments: None.}

Bob Anderson answered some questions.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 10.2 ; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BRAINARD closes.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON 511

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. PATRICK GALVIN, H.D. 48.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: Tape blank 22 through 28.6; Comments: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO LOCATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL STAFF IN COUNTY COURTHOUSES OR OTHER COUNTY BUILDINGS; ALLOWING A COUNTY TO CHARGE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RENT FOR SPACE PROVIDED IN A COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR OTHER COUNTY BUILDING; LIMITING THE RENTAL AMOUNT TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE RATE CHARGED A STATE AGENCY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR RENTING SPACE IN A STATE BUILDING; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-8-102. "}

Proponents' Testimony:

Peggy Beltrone, Cascade County Commissioner.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 26.8 through 29.2;  
Comments: 26.8 through 28.6 is blank.}

Mike Murray, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner.

EXHIBIT 6

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 29.2; Comments: None.}

Gordon Morris, Director, Montana Association of Counties.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 34.6; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 37.6; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 41.1 through 4.6 (2/b);  
Comments: None.}

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Closing by Sponsor: REP. GALVIN, H.D. 48.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 4.6; Comments: None.}

### HEARING ON HB 496

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. GARY FELAND, H.D. 88.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 6.1; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 6.7; Comments: None.}

Jerome Morasko, Toole County Hospital/Nursing Home.

EXHIBIT 7.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}

Judi Richmond, Director of Nursing, Toole County Hospital/Nursing Home.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

Steve Browning, Council, Montana Hospital Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 14.6; Comments: None.}

Linda King, Public Employees Retirement Board.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 18.2; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 19.9; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. FELAND closes.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 37.1; Comments: None.}

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Discussion of upcoming bills.

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 p.m.

Matt Denny

REP. MATT DENNY, Chairman

Keri Burkhardt

KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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