

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT DENNY**, on March 4, 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. 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:** Rep. Sam Kitzenberg.

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 75, SB 170, SB 180;  
2/24/97.

Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON SB 170**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. GARY AKLESTAD, S.D. 44.  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .8; Comments: None.}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association; School Administrators.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.7; Comments: None.}*

David Owen, Montana Chamber of Commerce.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: None.}*

Angela Janacaro, Montana Mining Association.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 6.7; Comments: None.}*

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Tara Mele, Montana Public Interest Research Group.

**EXHIBIT 1.**

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 7; Comments: None.}*

Patrick Judge, Montana Environment Information Center.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.6; Comments: None.}*

Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.4; Comments: None.}*

Russell Hill, Montana Trial Lawyer Association.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 18; Comments: None.}*

Debbie Smith, Montana Common Cause; Montana Chapter Sierra Club.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}*

Debra Beaver, Northern Plains Research Development.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 22.1; Comments: None.}*

Mark Mackin.

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

Brett Brownscombe, Montana Wildlife Federation.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 27.4; Comments: None.}*

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 29.7; Comments: None.}*

**Closing by Sponsor:** SEN. AKLESTAD closes.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 35.5 through 40.5; Comments: None.}*

**HEARING ON SB 75**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. MIKE SPRAGUE, S.D. 6.

**EXHIBIT 2.**

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 41.5; Comments: None.}*

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Debbie Smith, Montana Common Cause.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 6.4; Comments: None.}*

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Lorna Frank-Karn, Montana Farm Bureau Association.

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 6.8; Comments: None.}*

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 8.7 through 34.3;*

*Comments: None.}*

**Closing by Sponsor:** SEN. AKLESTAD closes.

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 34.4; Comments: None.}*

**HEARING ON SB 180**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. STEVE DOHERTY, S.D. 24.

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 37.9; Comments: None.}*

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Chris Booth, Montana Rural Water.

*{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 41.4 through (2/a) .7;*

*Comments: None.}*

**Informational Testimony:**

Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources.

*{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 1; Comments: None.}*

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders.

*{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 3; Comments: None.}*

Joe Kerwin, Deputy of Elections and Legislative Bureau, Secretary of State.

*{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 7.6; Comments: None.}*

**Closing by Sponsor:** SEN. DOHERTY closes.

*{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 10.1 through 11.2;*

*Comments: None.}*

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:55 a.m.



REP. MATT DENNY, Chairman



KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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