

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL, on March 5, 1997, at 7:02 p.m., in Room 325.

ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)  
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)  
Sen. Delwyn Gage (R)  
Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)  
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)  
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)  
Rep. Diana E. Wyatt (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Gary Feland (R)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood (R)  
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division  
Mike Wingard, Legislative Audit Division  
Meg Angell, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 592 (3/03/97)  
SB 37 (3/03/97)  
SB 256 (3/03/97)

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 592

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BILLIE KRENZLER, HD 17  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .7; Comments: Rep. Krenzler introduced the bill and recommended the bill be tabled.}

Proponents' Testimony:

CANDACE TORGERSON, Rimrock Foundation  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.5; Comments: Ms. Torgerson testified as a proponent of the bill but concurred with the recommendation it be tabled at this time.}

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**DARRYL BRUNO, Department of Public Health and Human Services**  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: Mr. Bruno also concurred with recommendation for tabling bill.}

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.1.}

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.2.}

**Close by Sponsor:** REP. KRENZLER

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.3.}

**HEARING ON SB 37**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. J.D. LYNCH, SD 19 EXHIBIT 1  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.6; Comments: Sen. Lynch introduced the bill.}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**SEN. TOM BECK, SD 28**

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.8.}

**SEN. DON HARGROVE, SD 16**

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.6.}

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**BETTY WADDELL, Montana Association of Churches**

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.3.}

**DAVE GATES, Juvenile Probation**

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.7.}

**LARRY STEDNITZ, Montana Sex Offender Treatment Association**

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.0.}

**Informational Testimony:**

**MIKE FERRITER, Administrator, Community Corrections Division, DOC**

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.7.}

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.1.}

Close by Sponsor: SEN. LYNCH  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 35.9.}

HEARING ON SB 256

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DON HARGROVE, SD 16 EXHIBIT 2  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 37.7; Comments: Sen. Hargrove introduced the bill and provided one proposed amendment, Exhibit 2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

LOIS ADAMS, Legal Counsel, Department of Corrections  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.6; Comments: Ms. Adams indicated the proposed amendment would need more work as it affects other statutes.}

MARTY LAMBERT, Gallatin County Attorney  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.0.}

JOHN CONNOR, Montana Department of Justice  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.9.}

JIM SMITH, Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.1.}

PAT CHENOVICK, Montana Supreme Court  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.9.}

Opponents' Testimony: None  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.2.}

Informational Testimony: None  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.4.}

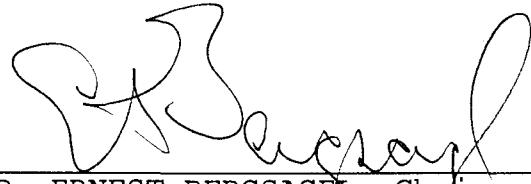
Questions from Committee Members and Responses:  
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Close by Sponsor: SEN. HARGROVE  
{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 20.1.}

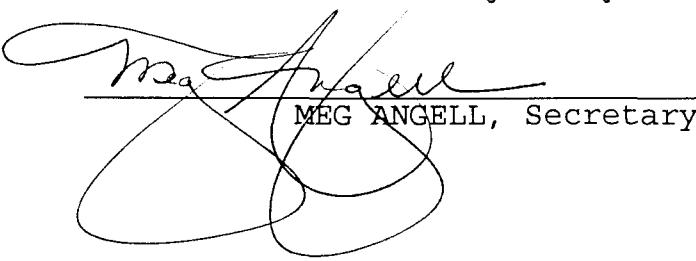
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:08 p.m.



REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



MEG ANGELL, Secretary

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