

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK, on March 14, 1997, at
8:00 a.m., in Room 312-2.

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. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Roger DeBruycker (R)
Rep. Gary Feland (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Rep. Royal C. Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)
Rep. William R. Wiseman (R)

Members Excused: Rep. John Johnson (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 188, HB 244, SJR 2, SB 19,
SB 269
Executive Action: HB 14 DO PASS AS AMENDED,
HB 47 DO PASS AS AMENDED,
HB 119 TABLED, HB 188 DO PASS
AS AMENDED, HB 296 TABLED,
HB 578 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 188

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MATT DENNY, HD 63, Missoula, opened the hearing on HB 188, An act authorizing the creation of state debt through the issuance of general obligation bonds, appropriating the proceeds of the bonds for information technology projects for the biennium ending June 30, 1999, providing for debt service payments from the general fund and other sources, providing for matters relating to the issuance of the bonds and the appropriation of the bond proceeds. Since this bill was previously heard in Long-Range Planning Subcommittee, REP. DENNY submitted the recommendations as passed by that subcommittee and a new fiscal note. EXHIBITS 1, 2.

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Proponents:

Lois Menzies, Director, Department of Administration, Helena. Ms. Menzies submitted a financing overview, dated March 1997, and the MT PRRIME overview, both prepared by the Department of Administration. EXHIBITS 3, 4.

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Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue, Helena.

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Dennis Zeiler, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance Division, Department of Labor and Industry, Helena. Mr. Zeiler submitted 10 sheets of unemployment insurance tables and charts showing problems, funding, workload, compliance, limitations, and benefits paid. EXHIBIT 5.

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Steve Bender, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Helena.

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Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. DENNY closed the hearing on HB 188.

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HEARING ON HB 244Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DUANE GRIMES, HD 39, Clancy, opened the hearing on HB 244, An act appropriating money to contribute to the construction of a youth detention facility in Jefferson County.

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Proponents:

Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commissioner, Boulder.

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Glenda Obie, Jefferson County Commission, Boulder.

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REP. BILL TASH, HD 34, Dillon.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 4.4.}

Joe Connell, Juvenile Probation Counselor, Boulder.

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[The hearing on HB 244 was recessed for a few minutes for the Montana Children's Alliance lobbyists to offer muffins and juice to the committee. They submitted the 1997 Children's Agenda Legislative Update. EXHIBIT 6.]

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SEN. MIGNON WATERMAN, SD 26, Helena.

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Richard Meeker, Chief Juvenile Probation Counselor for Lewis & Clark County, Helena.

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REP. EMILY SWANSON, HD 30, Bozeman.

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SEN. MIKE FOSTER, SD 20, Townsend.

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Mike Ferriter, Administrator, Community Corrections Division, Department of Corrections, Helena.

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Scott Mendenhall, Whitehall. Mr. Mendenhall submitted the Jefferson County funding and budget projections, dated March 14, 1997. EXHIBIT 7.

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Garth Haagland, Beaverhead County Commissioner.

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REP. KARL OHS, HD 33, Harrison.

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SEN. CHUCK SWYSGOOD, SD 17, Dillon.

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Pat Lewis, businesswoman, Boulder.

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Dave Kirsch, businessman, Boulder.

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Bob Marks, former member of Appropriations Committee as a Representative, Jefferson County.

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Sam Samson, Jefferson County Commissioner, Boulder.

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Sally Buckler, Deputy Sheriff, Jefferson County, Boulder.

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Mary Allen, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Powell, Granite Counties.

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Ben Donaldson, Boulder.

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SEN. J.D. LYNCH, SD 19, Butte.

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. GRIMES closed the hearing on HB 244.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 20.0.}

HEARING ON SJR 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. GREG JERGESON, SD 46, Chinook, opened the hearing on SJR 2, A joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives urging adoption by certain entities of legislative policy recommendations on higher education. SEN. JERGESON submitted a copy of action vs. executive budget of general fund, enrollment effects, and table 5, annual tuition. EXHIBITS 8, 9, 10.

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Proponents:

Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena.

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Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

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Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. JERGESON closed the hearing on SJR 2.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 21.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 47

Motion/Vote: REP. HOLLAND moved to reconsider the committee's previous action on HB 47. He also moved to withdraw a previous amendment and offer a new version. Motions carried unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 25.8.}

Motion: REP. HOLLAND moved amendment HB0004701.agp dated March 14, 1997 Do Pass.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 27.7.}

Discussion:

Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association, Helena.

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Vote: Motion carried 13 - 5 on a roll call vote, with REPS. BARNHART, JOHN JOHNSON, MENAHAN, PECK, and QUILICI voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. HOLLAND moved HB 47 Do Pass As Amended. Motion carried 13 - 5 on a roll call vote, with REPS. BARNHART, JOHN JOHNSON, MENAHAN, PECK, and QUILICI voting no.
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 36.5.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 119

Motion/Vote: REP. DEBRUYCKER moved HB 119 Be Tabled. Motion carried 15 - 3, with REPS. GRADY, JOHN JOHNSON, and PECK voting no.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 40.3.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 296

Motion/Vote: REP. DEBRUYCKER moved HB 296 Be Tabled. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 40.9.}

HEARING ON SB 269Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. SUE BARTLETT, SD 27, Helena, opened the hearing on SB 269, An act requiring the Department of Administration to develop, with the concurrence of the Department of Justice, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Corrections, and certain other state agencies, a separate pay plan for protective services professionals.

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Proponents:

Attorney General Joe Mazurek, Department of Justice, Helena.

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Craig Reap, Chief, Highway Patrol.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 6.3.}

Gary Becker, Highway Patrol, Butte.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 7.5.}

Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 9.9.}

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 12.8.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BARTLETT closed the hearing on SB 269.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 17.7.}

HEARING ON SB 19Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DELWYN GAGE, SD 43, Cut Bank, opened the hearing on SB 19, An act generally revising state budgeting laws, requiring legislative finance committee to prepare recommendations involving major budgetary matters for an ensuing legislative session, clarifying types of information contained in and the manner and times for preparing proposed budgets and reports.

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Proponents:

None.

Opponents:

None.

Questions From the Committee:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 29.7.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. GAGE closed the hearing on SB 19.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 31.8.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 188

Motion/Vote: REP. BERGSAGEL moved amendment HB018801.a12 Do Pass. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 34.9.}

Motion/Vote: REP. BERGSAGEL moved amendment HB018810.a12 Do Pass. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 37.5.}

Motion/Vote: REP. BERGSAGEL moved HB 188 Do Pass As Amended. Motion carried 12 - 3, with REPS. DEBRUYCKER, FELAND, and VICK voting no.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 38.8.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 14

Motion: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON moved HB 14 Do Pass As Amended.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 43.0.}

Motion/Vote: REP. BERGSAGEL moved amendment HB001401.a12 Do Pass. Motion carried 14 - 1, with REP. ROYAL JOHNSON voting no.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Tape Counter: 44.3.}

Motion/Vote: REP. BERGSAGEL moved amendment HB001440.a12 Do Pass. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 0.1.}

Motion/Vote: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON moved amendment on WCC Billings Do Pass. Motion failed 6 - 11 on a roll call vote, with REPS.

BARNHART, HOLLAND, JOHN JOHNSON, ROYAL JOHNSON, MENAHAN, and QUILICI voting yes.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 8.7.}

Motion/Vote: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON moved HB 14 Do Pass As Amended.

Motion carried 13 - 2, with REPS. DEBRUYCKER and VICK voting no.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 13.3.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 578

Motion: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON moved HB 578 Do Pass.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Tape Counter: 14.7.}

Discussion:

REP. ROYAL JOHNSON submitted a memorandum from Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce, dated March 14, 1997, on the

transition of the Montana Science and Technology Alliance.

EXHIBIT 11.

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Motion/Vote: REP. BARNHART moved a substitute motion to sunset the bill in two years. Motion failed 5 - 10, with REPS.

BARNHART, WISEMAN, MENAHAN, QUILICI, and MCCANN voting yes.

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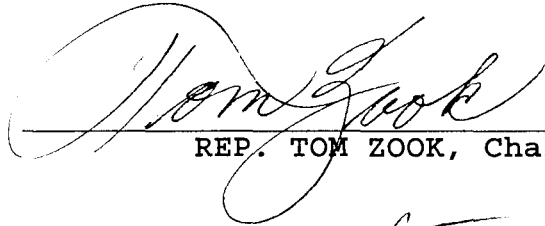
Motion/Vote: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON moved HB 578 Do Pass As Amended.

Motion carried 12 - 3, with REPS. WISEMAN, MENAHAN, and BARNHART voting no.

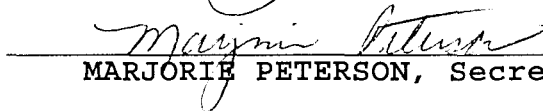
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 p.m.



REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman



MARJORIE PETERSON, Secretary

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