

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on January 7, 1997,
at 8:00 a.m., in room 312-2, at the state capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice-Chairman (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Division
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: University System Overview,
1/7/97
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Tape No. 1:A,0.1

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1-8.9; Comments: CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON welcomed former members and new members of the committee. CHAIRMAN JOHNSON stated that during the following four days the committee will hear testimony regarding the university system overview, the long range goals, the requested budget of the university system and discussion about how the general fund budget will be used.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.0-15.0; Comments: SEN. GREG JERGESON presented his Senate Joint Resolution No. 2.}

EXHIBIT A

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{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.1-25.0 minutes; Comments: Commissioner Dick Croft presents testimony regarding topics to be covered; achievements, goals, budget requests, and what happens if receive no funding.}

EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C

EXHIBIT D

EXHIBIT E

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.1-32.0 minutes; Comments: The Commissioner continues with the report on accountability of the Montana University System. Topic includes enrollment management (cont. on side B) .}

EXHIBIT F

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.6-7.8; Comments: The Commissioner continues with overview topics, including excessive competition among universities, the need to increase faculty productivity, students taking too long to graduate, difficulty transferring credits among schools, duplication of programs, and too many students attending Bozeman and Missoula, and not the two-year colleges.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.4-17.7; Comments: Questions for the Commissioner from REP. DON HOLLAND, SEN. DARYL TOEWS, and CHAIRMAN JOHNSON, regarding enrollment rates at two-year colleges, new programs added to the system and two-year degrees, respectively.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.4-30.5; Comments: President Malone addresses restructuring of the University System. .}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1-11.2; Comments: Pres. Malone continues with testimony regarding restructuring.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.4-25.5; Comments: President Dennison provides testimony.}

EXHIBIT G

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.5-30.0; Comments: Questions/discussions from the committee.}

EXHIBIT H

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1-25; Comments: University System overview/restructuring continued.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1-6.2; Comments: Questions from the committee.}

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{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.3-30.0; Comments: Students Jim McCray and Jeremy Fritz provide testimony, followed by questions from the committee.}

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EXHIBIT J

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1-10.6; Comments: Testimony continues, followed by questions from the committee.}

EXHIBIT K

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.5-24.0; Comments: Testimony given by Dr. Stuart Knapp.}

EXHIBIT L

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1-8.7; Comments: Rod Sundsted, of Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, provided testimony regarding general fund allocation and the cost of education.}

EXHIBIT M

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.8-17.6; Comments: President Dennison continues with testimony.}

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.7-27.1; Comments: Tom Warring provided testimony for U of M, Montana Tech (Butte).}

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.2-30.9; Comments: Dr. Sheila Stearns provided testimony for Western MT College, Dillon.}

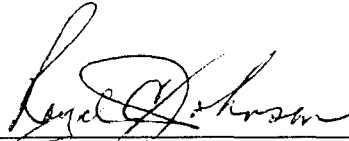
{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1-3.7; Comments: Dr. Sheila Stearns, Continued.}

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.8-8.3; Comments: Alex Capdeville provided testimony for Helena College of Technology.}

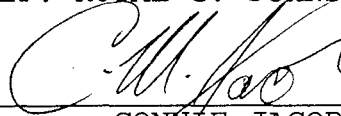
{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: President Dennison provided closing remarks.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 a.m.



REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman



CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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