

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL, on January 10, 1997, at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Thomas A. "Tom" Beck, Vice-Chairman (R)
Sen. John "J.D." Lynch (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: none

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Nan LeFebvre, Legislative Fiscal Division
Debbie Rostocki, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: none
Executive Action: **HOUSE BILL 9** - Cultural &
Aesthetic (C & A) Projects
grant requests - all

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 9

Discussion: A letter from **SEN. KEN MESAROS, SD 25**, encouraging support for the Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Society C & A Project grant request was submitted. **EXHIBIT 1**

Mr. Brian Cockhill, Director of the Montana Historical Society, discussed the proposed \$95,000 stained glass restoration project and a separate \$15,000 proposal for mural restoration.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 0.8-7.3}

Questions were asked and discussion took place regarding Capitol Building restoration plans and funding.

EXHIBIT 2

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 7.4-15.1}

Ms. LeFebvre reviewed what is proposed under HB 9 and questions were asked.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.7-22.2.}

Ms. LeFebvre then distributed figures on the C & A Projects account EXHIBIT 3 and reviewed the information. Questions were asked.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 22.3-25.8}

Ms. LeFebvre gave a breakdown of the C & A grant recommendations for the 1999 biennium. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 25.9-29.9}

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL entertained discussion about taking more arts trust fund revenue for the Montana Arts Council administrative budget in lieu of increasing their general fund appropriation; discussion took place. Ms. Arni Fishbaugh, Director of the Montana Arts Council, spoke in opposition to the proposal.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 29.9-1:b:6.5}

Ms. Jane Hamman, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP), said there were only three programs in state government that the Governor had recommended replacing lost federal funding with general fund, and the Montana Arts Council budget was one of them.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 6.6-7.0}

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL entertained motions regarding changing the Arts Council funding, the targeted amount of the C & A ending fund balance level, and prioritizing the C & A grants to prevent funds from the coming biennium being used to fund the current one.

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Mr. Cockhill pointed out that the history organizations would lose out if the Arts Council was funded with additional trust fund interest money. Further discussion and questions.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 9.5-12.4}

Discussion took place regarding: how large the projected ending fund balance should be; the possibility of including a contingency clause for the stained glass restoration funding; and what to do if revenues are short.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 12.5-17.6}

Ms. Carleen Layne, Montana Arts Council Accountant, reviewed the ending fund balance history of the C & A account and distributed a handout EXHIBIT 5. Discussion.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 17.7-20.7}

Discussion took place regarding funding for the Montana Arts Council. Ms. LeFebvre explained that HB 9 provides that if the revenues in 1997 fall short for funding the 1997 biennium C & A grants, revenues from the 1998-9 biennium would be taken to make up the difference. (HB 9, Section 1(2).)

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 20.7-24.4}

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to amend HB 9 by striking lines 19-22 (Section 1, Subsection 2) on page one in their entirety.

Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 24.4-25.0}

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved to take \$325,000 from the C & A Projects account and put it into the Montana Arts Council operations budget.

Discussion: Discussion took place. Ms. Fishbaugh stressed the importance of restoring the Arts Council budget, but cautioned against using C & A money. Questions were asked.

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Vote: The question was called for and the motion failed.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.9}

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding what level the ending fund balance in the C & A Projects account should be set at. There was general agreement that the goal was to have approximately \$125,000 as the ending fund balance, with the \$95,000 for stained glass restoration included in that amount.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 6.0-14.9}

SEN. BECK recommended that those grants fully funded in the original recommendation remain fully funded; there was general agreement.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.0-16.5}

The committee then voted on funding levels for the C & A grant requests listed in HB 9. CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL announced that no motion would be required if the Committee agreed with the funding level and if there was a tie vote, the CHAIRMAN would vote "no."

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.6-19.0}

Motion/vote: SEN. BECK moved to reduce funding for the Granite County Museum and Cultural Center (#716) from \$4,500 to \$4,000; motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.7}

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the SunCreek Films (#775) request from \$2,886 to \$2,500; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: SEN. BECK moved to reduce funding for the Northern Showcase (#777) request from \$4,500 to \$4,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved to provide 0 funding for the Montana Five Rivers Film Festival (#789) request. Discussion.

Substitute motion: SEN. BECK made a **substitute motion** to reduce funding for the **Five Rivers Film Festival** from \$2,886 to \$2,000.

Vote: The question was called for on **SEN. BECK'S** motion; motion **carried** with REP. MCCANN opposed.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the **Northern Heights Tenants Association (#794)** from \$4,329 to \$4,000; motion **carried** with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **Montana Storytelling Conference (#714)** from \$4,329 to \$4,000; motion **carried** with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to reduce funding for the **Council For The Arts, Inc., Lincoln (#729)**, from \$2,600 to \$2,500; motion **carried** unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 0.5}

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the **Country Grain Elevator Historical Society (#732)** from \$2,165 to \$2,000; motion **carried** unanimously.

Discussion: There was general agreement that if a project had not been recommended for funding, the committee would not recommend to fund it either.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 1.9}

Motion: SEN. BECK moved to reduce funding for the **Liberty Village Arts Center and Gallery (#743)** from \$18,000 to \$15,000. Discussion. SEN. BECK withdrew his motion.

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved to fund the **Liberty Village Arts Center and Gallery (#743)** at \$10,000. Discussion.

Vote: The question was called for; motion **carried** with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 2.7-7.1}

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the **Carbon County Historical Society (#801)** from \$23,089 to \$20,000; motion **carried** with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to reduce funding for the **Western Heritage Center (#793)** from \$28,573 to \$28,000; motion **carried** unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the **Yellowstone Art Center (#769)** from \$28,861 to \$28,000; motion **carried** unanimously.

Motion/vote: SEN. BECK moved to reduce funding for the **Montana Performing Arts Consortium (#755)** from \$43,292 to \$40,000; motion carried with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **Montana Arts Foundation (#752)** from \$40,406 to \$40,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **Alberta Bair Theater (#768)** from \$14,431 to \$14,000; motion carried.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to increase funding for the **Missoula Children's Theatre (#762)** from \$28,861 to \$30,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for **Native Voices (#748)** from \$25,975 to \$25,000; motion carried with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 16.4-17.8}

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **H. Earl Clack Museum (#740)** from \$14,431 to \$14,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **Little Rockies Arts Association (#778)** from \$8,800 to \$7,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to increase funding for the **Butte Symphony Orchestra (#773)** from \$5,772 to \$6,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **Great Falls Symphony (#758)** from \$12,266 to \$12,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the **Livingston Depot Foundation (#727)** from \$14,431 to \$14,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for **Young Audiences of Western Montana (#766)** from \$11,354 to \$11,000; motion carried with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **Billings Preservation Society, Inc. (#767)** from \$8,658 to \$3,000.

Substitute motion: REP. ZOOK made a **substitute motion** to fund the **Society** at \$6,000; substitute motion carried.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 24.4-27.6}

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to reduce funding for the **Glacier Orchestra and Chorale (#795)** from \$18,038 to \$18,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to increase funding for the Missoula Community Access TV (#731) request from \$14,431 to \$15,000; motion carried with REP. ZOOK opposed.
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 28.7-3}

SEN. LYNCH expressed the wish that the Missoula Symphony Association would write their grant differently in the future so it wouldn't appear they were asking for a grant to ensure a full house.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the Missoula Symphony Association (#745) from \$5,050 to \$3,000; motion failed with SENS. LYNCH and BECK and CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL opposed.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.2-2.7}

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the Montana Historical Society Library and Archives (#802) project from \$17,317 to \$17,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the Southwest Montana Arts Council (#718) from \$7,215 to \$7,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to reduce funding for the UM/Broadcast Media Center (#735) from \$23,089 to \$23,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the Bozeman Symphony Orchestra (#771) from \$4,329 to \$4,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the Center For Native American Studies (#776) from \$4,500 to \$4,000; motion carried with SEN. BECK voting no.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for Montana Indian Contemporary Arts (#797) from \$8,658 to \$8,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to increase funding for Very Special Arts Montana (#770) from \$11,544 to \$12,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for Grandstreet Theatre (#786) from \$7,215 to \$7,000; motion carried unanimously.
{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 12.0-12.7}

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the MSU-Billings Inter-Tribal Indian Club (#784) from \$7,215 to \$7,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the Helena Art Center (#785) from \$4,329 to \$4,000. Discussion.

Substitute motion/vote: REP. MCCANN made a substitute motion to reduce funding for the **Helena Art Center** from \$4,329 to \$3,000. Substitute motion **carried** unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **Montana Association of Symphony Orchestras (#781)** from \$21,646 to \$21,000; motion **carried** unanimously.

Motion: REP. ZOOK moved to provide 0 funding for the **Holter Museum of Art (#780)**.

Substitute motion: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding from \$23,089 to \$10,000 for the **Holter Museum of Art**; discussion took place.

Vote: The question was called for on REP. MCCANN'S substitute motion; motion **carried** with REP. ZOOK opposed.

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 18.6-22.1}

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for **VIAs, Inc. (#725)** from \$14,431 to \$10,000; discussion took place.

Vote: The question was called for and the motion **carried** with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the **Montana Chorale (#772)** from \$7,215 to \$7,000; motion **carried** with REP. ZOOK opposed.

Motion: Discussion took place regarding the **Missoula Writing Collaborative (#724)**. REP. MCCANN moved to increase funding from \$4,329 to \$4,500.

Withdrawn motion: REP. MCCANN withdrew his motion.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved the funding for the **Missoula Writing Collaborative** be reduced to zero. Motion **carried** with SEN. LYNCH voting no.

{Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.0-30.7}

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to decrease funding for the **Montana Alliance for Arts Education (#760)** from \$11,544 to \$11,000; motion **carried** unanimously.

{Tape:3; Side:b; Approx. Time Count:0.0-1.0}

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved 0 funding for the **MSU Libraries (#713)** grant request; motion **carried** with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to decrease funding for **Wolf Point Productions (#739)** from \$10,101 to \$10,000; motion **carried** unanimously.

{Tape:3; Side:b; Approx. Time Count:2.7-5.0}

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to decrease funding for the Bozeman Historical Preservation Advisory Committee (#787) from \$5,051 to \$5,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the Montana Art Gallery Directors Association (#722) from \$31,747 to \$31,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the Billings Symphony Society (#764) from \$18,038 to \$18,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to increase funding for the Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts (#730) from \$21,646 to \$22,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to increase funding for the Hellgate Writers (#790) grant request from \$12,988 to \$13,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the International Wildlife Film Festival (#738) from \$8,658 to \$8,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to increase funding for the Copper Village Museum and Arts Center (#774) from \$14,431 to \$15,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to increase funding for Growth Through Art, Inc. (#723) from \$7,215 to \$7,500; motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding the Museum of the Rockies (#751) proposal.

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved 0 funding for the Museum of the Rockies. Motion carried with SEN. LYNCH opposed and REPS. MCCANN and ZOOK voting in favor of the motion and SEN. BECK excused.

Motion: REP. ZOOK moved to postpone the vote on REP. MCCANN'S motion for 0 funding for the Museum of the Rockies until SEN. BECK returned. Motion carried.

{Tape:3; Side:b; Approx. Time Count:17.0-20.0}

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved to reduce funding for the Fort Peck Fine Arts Council, Inc. (#792) from \$43,292 to \$43,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the Whitefish Theatre Company (#736) from \$28,861 to \$28,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. ZOOK moved to reduce funding for the Sanders Community Hall, Inc. (#746) request from \$5,772 to \$5,700; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to decrease funding for the Old Towne Development Corp. (#799) from \$5,772 to \$5,700; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art (#763) from \$32,469 to \$32,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to reduce funding for the C. M. Russell Museum (#779) from \$18,038 to \$18,000; motion carried unanimously.

Motion: REP. MCCANN moved to provide 0 funding for the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art (#750), Billings Preservation Society Endowment Trust (#759), the Glacier Orchestra and Chorale (#796), and the Great Falls Symphony (#803).

Discussion: The committee discussed funding endowment accounts. REP. ZOOK suggested only providing start-up funding for new endowments.

Tape:3; Side:b; Approx. Time Count:27.2-Tape 4:a:5.8}

Ms. Lefebvre discussed some changes in HB 9 which the committee might address: reversion of grant money and how the reduction of grants is addressed in the case of a revenue shortfall. There was general agreement the existing language in HB 9 was acceptable.

{Tape:4; Side:a; Approx. Time Count:6.8-8.5}

SEN. BECK returned and discussion resumed regarding the Museum of the Rockies funding request.

{Tape:4; Side:a; Approx. Time Count:9.5-14.1}

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to provide 0 funding for the Museum of the Rockies grant proposal; motion carried with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Discussion: The committee then returned its discussion to the subject of funding endowments.

{Tape:4; Side:a; Approx. Time Count:14.6-19.9}

Withdrawn motion: REP. MCCANN'S motion was withdrawn.

Motion: SEN. LYNCH moved to increase funding for the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art (#750) request from \$7,215 to \$15,000, if they can procure 3:1 matching funding. The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: REP. MCCANN moved to provide 0 funding for the Billings Preservation Society Endowment Trust (#759), the Glacier

Orchestra and Chorale (#796) and the Great Falls Symphony (#803).
Motion carried with SEN. LYNCH opposed.

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding changes in funding levels and the status of the ending fund balance.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved that HB 9 DO PASS AS AMENDED;
motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Ms. Arni Fishbaugh asked if the committee would be willing to accept videotaped testimony from C & A grant applicants in the next budget cycle and there was general agreement that this would be acceptable.

{Tape: 4; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 27.0-27.9}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 noon.



Rep. Ernest Bergsager, Chairman



Debbie Rostocki, Secretary

DR/EB

This meeting was recorded on four 60-minute audiocassette tapes.