

MINUTES

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

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on January 14, 1997, at 9:00 am, 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: Bob Tallerico, Legislative Fiscal Division
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: State Library, 1/13/97
Executive Action: Board of Public Education and
Montana Arts Council.

HEARING ON THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the State Library.

Ms. Karen Strege, Montana State Librarian, gave an overview of the Library and the various programs that are associated with the library, including the library resources, the talking books program, and the NRIS program.

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Mr. Alan Cox, Director of the Natural Resources Information System (NRIS) presented an overview of NRIS, the Water Information System and the Natural Heritage Program.

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

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Questions and discussion from members of the committee.

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Mr. Bob Tallerico, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, discussed the Library budget and issues, followed by questions and discussion from the committee.

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Mr. Tallerico discussed the NRIS budget and issues, followed by questions and discussion from the committee.

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EXHIBIT C

Ms. Kris Schmitz, Montana State Library Accountant, discussed the four year funding agreement the Library has with Norwest Bank.

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Questions and discussion regarding (performance-based) budget issues from members of the committee, continued.

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Ms. Lois Fitzpatrick of the Montana Library Association spoke in support of the executive budget for the Montana State Library and the State Library Commission.

EXHIBIT D

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Mr. David Genter, Director of the Montana Natural Heritage Program provided an overview of the program, its achievements, goals and mission.

EXHIBIT E

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Mr. Tallerico presented a table showing the RIT Trust, Interest Earnings and Related Expenditure Accounts (1999 Biennium Projections). **Mr. Curtis Nichols Office of Budget Program Planning**, referred to the RIT Trust as well, followed by questions by members of the committee.

EXHIBIT G
EXHIBIT H
EXHIBIT I

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Motion: SEN. DARYL TOEWS MOTIONED TO ADOPT PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION (PAGE E-22).

Vote: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25-30; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. GREG JERGESON MOTIONED TO ADOPT THE NEW PROPOSAL(S) FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION (PAGE E-23).

Vote: MOTION FAILED 3-3.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1-4; Comments: .}

Motion: REP. RAY PECK MOTIONED TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED (PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS, PAGE E-24).

Vote: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4-5; Comments: .}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL

Motion: SEN. TOEWS MOTIONED TO ADOPT THE PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS (PAGE E-39).

Vote: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5-7; Comments: .}

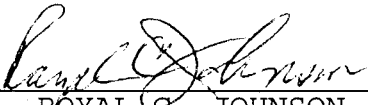
Motion: REP. DON HOLLAND MOTIONED TO WAIT UNTIL THE FULL HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETS SO THAT SOME DIRECTION IS GIVEN BEFORE FURTHER ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING IS CONSIDERED.

Vote: THIS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

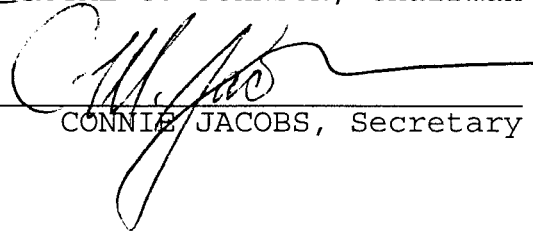
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.



REP. ROYAL E. JOHNSON, Chairman



CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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Note: This meeting was recorded on two (2) 60 minute tapes.