

## MINUTES

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

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on January 14, 1997, at 8:06 A.M., in Room 405.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gary Feland, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)  
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)  
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)  
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Hope Spriggs, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

-MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL  
1/14/97; 1/9/97

-LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION  
1/14/97; 1/9/97

-FORENSIC SCIENCE DIVISION  
1/14/97; 1/9/97

Executive Action: None

#### HEARING ON MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

**Craig Reap;** Chief, Highway Patrol, Department of Justice.  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.2; Comments: Testimony:  
Proponent. Montana Highway Patrol, Presentation.}

EXHIBIT 1 - Testimony as presented.

EXHIBIT 2 - Statistics accompanying testimony.

Craig Reap.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: Continued testimony and overview.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: Mr. Reap answers questions on the Missoula facility, vehicle acquisitions and maintenance.}

SEN. MOHL.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: Mr Reap answers several questions on combining services, traffic fine revenue and motor carrier inspectors.}

Dennis Taylor, Department of Justice.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Committee questions continue.}

SEN. VICK.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.7 ; Comments: Mr. Taylor answers questions on the officer's funding switch and rent increases on the Helena facility.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: Mr. Taylor speaks on the cost of prison confinement, and violation-generated revenue.}

EXHIBIT 3 - Prisoner Per Diem Costs.

EXHIBIT 4 - Presented by REP. VICK.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.4; Comments: Discussion.}

Joe Mazurek. Attorney General, Head, Department of Justice.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: Mr. Mazurek answers REP. FELAND'S questions on the highway patrol's new location, and funding of the additional officers.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.0; Comments: Mr. Mazurek continues.}

JanDee May, Department of Justice.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.1; Comments: Ms. May answers Mr. Culver's question on why the D.O.J. is paying the rent increase for the MHP's new location.}

HEARING ON LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Mike Batista, Department of Justice.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.3; Comments: Testimony, Budget Presentation.}

EXHIBIT 5 - Testimony as presented.

EXHIBIT 6 - Fire Prevention and Investigation.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.7; Comments: None.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Continued testimony.}

EXHIBIT 7

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.9; Comments: End testimony and questions from the committee.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.9; Comments: Mr. Batista answered questions on fraud investigation and funding for Task Forces.}

SEN. MOHL.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.7; Comments: Mr. Batista talked about what is done with drug seized property and funds, and information about the General Fund in relation to Workman's Compensation.}

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: Mr. Mazurek, Mr. Batista and Ms. May continued to answer questions from the committee.}

HEARING ON FORENSIC SCIENCE DIVISION

Bill Unger, Department of Justice. Administrator, Forensic Science Division, Missoula.

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.1 ; Comments: Testimony, Presentation of Budget.}

EXHIBIT 8 - Forensic Science Statistics

EXHIBIT 9 - Testimony as presented

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Continued testimony.}


SEN. CHRISTIAENS.

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.2; Comments: Mr. Unger answered questions on backlog of cases and the replacement of equipment.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:54 A.M.

  
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REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman

  
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HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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