

## **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 15, 1997, at 8:10 a.m., in 312-2 in 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: Historical Society, 1/14/9  
Executive Action: Arts Council Funding

#### **HEARING ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. Mr. Brian Cockhill, Director of the Montana Historical Society, presented an overview of the Historical Society. Also discussed were long range plans concerning tourism, Virginia City and the Daly Mansion, as well as constructing a satellite museum in eastern Montana.

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

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Mr. Bob Tallerico, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented budget information and discussed issues about the budget. Mr. Cutis Nichols, Office of Budget Program Planning, recommended continuing the past budget policies, and mentioned the consequences of removing any of the accommodation tax.

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Questions from members of the committee.

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**Mr. Tallerico** discussed budget issues regarding the position of deputy director.

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Comments from **Mr. Cockhill**, and questions from members of the committee.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1-9; Comments: .}

**Mr. Tallerico** discussed budget issues regarding the computer network system, followed by comments from **Mr. Cockhill**, **Mr. Nichols** and questions from the committee.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9-13; Comments: .}

**Mr. Tallerico** discussed budget issues with the Historical Society's publication (Montana The Magazine of Western History), followed by comments by **Mr. Cockhill** and **Mr. Nichols**. Also discussed were Historical Preservation Grants. Questions from members of the committee followed.

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**Mr. Cockhill** discussed potential Historical Society involvement with Nevada and Virginia Cities, financing the site, management of the site and needed maintenance.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1-10; Comments: .}

Questions from the committee.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11-20; Comments: .}

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE ARTS COUNCIL

**Motion:** SEN. JERGESON MOTIONED TO FUND THE PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES UNDER THE NEW PROPOSALS, FOR FY 98 AND FY 99.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26; Comments: None.}

Discussion on the motion.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1-10; Comments: .}

**Vote:** MOTION FAILED, 4-2. WITH SEN. JERGESON, AND REP. PECK VOTING FOR THE MOTION, AND SEN. MILLER, SEN. TOEWS, REP. HOLLAND, AND CHAIRMAN JOHNSON VOTING AGAINST.

**Motion:** SEN. TOEWS MOTIONED TO FUND 1/2 OF THE PERSONAL SERVICES AND 1/2 OF THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE NEW PROPOSALS.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11; Comments: None.}

Vote: MOTION PASSED, 5-1, WITH **CHAIRMAN JOHNSON** VOTING AGAINST.  
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11-14; Comments: .}

Motion: **SEN. JERGESON** MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE NEW PROPOSALS FOR  
FY 98 AND 99 FOR FEDERAL MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM.  
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13; Comments: None.}

Substitute Motion: **REP. PECK** MOTIONED TO GRANT FEDERAL MATCHING  
FUNDS - UP TO A MAXIMUM 50,000 DOLLARS - CONTINGENT UPON FEDERAL  
FUNDS COMING THROUGH.

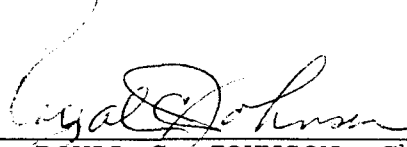
Vote: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

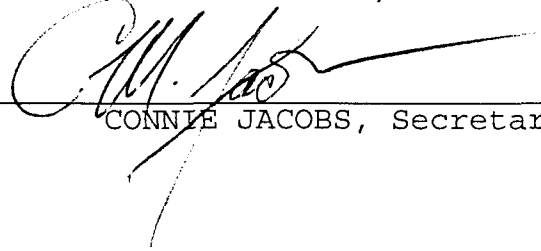
Motion: **REP. PECK** MOTIONED THAT ALL FEDERAL FUNDS BE  
APPROPRIATED ON A BIENNIAL BASIS.

Vote: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13-25; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

**Adjournment:** This meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.

  
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REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman

  
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CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

RCJ/cj

NOTE: This meeting was recorded on three (3) 60 minute tapes.