#### MINUTES

# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on January 23, 1997, at 8:37 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. Greq Jergeson (D)

Sen. Ken Miller (R)

Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Excused: SEN. DARYL TOEWS

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Division

Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

# Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None

Executive Action: Forestry and Conservation

Experiment Station.

#### Orientation

CHAIRMAN ROYAL JOHNSON called the meeting to order, stating that there would be no executive action on the School for the Deaf and Blind salary increases or the Bureau of Mines. Executive action would only take place on the Forestry and Conservation Experiment Station. SEN. DARYL TOEWS' vote was being carried by CHAIRMAN JOHNSON.

Ms. Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, stated that there were no new proposals for the Forestry and Conservation Experiment Station and she therefore had no issues with the agency, excepting faculty salaries. SEN. GREG JERGESON and Mr. Cutis Nichols, Office of Budget Program Planning, discussed the money involved with the collaborative agreement.

# EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION EXPERIMENT STATION

Motion: REP. DON HOLLAND MOVED TO ADOPT PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS, EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT (ITEMS 1, 2, 3, AND 5) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS.

<u>Vote</u>: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  $\{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1-7; Comments: .\}$ 

# Closing remarks and discussion

Questions and discussion regarding the Bureau of Mines budget, specifically item 3 on page E-150, Groundwater Full Funding. Ms. Whitney, stated that the numbers for this portion of the budget may change.

## EXHIBIT 1

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7-11; Comments: .}

REP. RAY PECK presented his proposed language for the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind salary issue.

# EXHIBIT 2

Questions and discussion regarding REP. PECK'S proposed language. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11-20; Comments: .}

# ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 8:59 am.

REP. ROYAL.C. JOHNSON, Chairman

NNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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Note: This meeting was recorded on one side of one (1) 90 minute tape.