

MINUTES

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

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on January 23, 1997, at 8:07 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: Cindy Weaver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Hope Spriggs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
1/23/97; 1/16/97

-OPERATIONS SUPPORT

-MONTANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

-MONTANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

-DISASTER AND EMERGENCY
SERVICES

-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS

Executive Action: DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRSSUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

Col. Michael McCabe, Attorney, Department of Military Affairs
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: Explanation
of request.}

EXHIBIT 1

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.5; Comments: Col. McCabe
answered several questions on the settlement, and when it should
be paid.}

MOTION: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept the Supplemental Request.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.8; Comments: None.}

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/VOTE: SEN. MOHL moved to appropriate the
Supplemental, but include non payment until the Supreme Court's
decision. Motion CARRIED unanimously.
{Tape:1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.3; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON OPERATIONS SUPPORT

Mr. Doug Booker, Administrator, Centralized Services, Department
of Military Affairs.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:15.5; Comments:
Clarification of requests.}

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.8; Comments: Mr. Booker
answered several questions about the state credit card and LAN
contract.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: Committee
questions continued.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON OPERATIONS SUPPORT

MOTION/VOTE: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept the 1996 base. Motion
CARRIED unanimously.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.5; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: REP MENAHAN moved to accept Statewide Present Law
Adjustments, Items # 1-3. Motion CARRIED unanimously.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.9; Comments: None.}

MOTION: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept Significant Present Law Adjustments, Item # 4.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.2; Comments: Discussion by the Committee followed.}

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/VOTE: SEN. MOHL moved to reduce Significant Present Law Adjustments, Item # 4, to \$ 3000 per year for the biennium. Motion CARRIED unanimously.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON MONTANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. Chris Denning, Facilities Management Office, Department of Military Affairs.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.8; Comments: Explanation and questions answered about Present Law Adjustment, item # 4. (other items followed)}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.1-End side A; Comments: Item # 5-12.}

EXHIBITS 2-5

Ralph DeCunzo, Department of Military Affairs

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: Explanation and question/answers on New Proposals.}

Col. Stricker, Director of Facilities, Montana Army National Guard
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.8; Comments: Further explanation on N.P. # 1 and 2.}

Mr. Denning

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: Explanation of N.P. Item # 3 and 5.}

EXHIBIT 6, 7

John Wheeler, Montana National Guard Environmental Office

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.5; Comments: Mr. Wheeler explained and answered several questions on N.P. # 4 and 6.}

Gen. John E. Prendergast, Department of Military Affairs

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.5; Comments: Statements on economic and military effect of utilizing new facilities.}

HEARING ON MONTANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Lt. Col. Dan Mortag, Montana Air National Guard, Department of Military Affairs
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: Summary and explanation of Significant Present Law Adjustments and New Proposals.}

HEARING ON DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Jim Greene, Administrator, Disaster and Emergency Services, Department of Military Affairs
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.4; Comments: Explanation of Present Law Adjustments request, Items # 4-6.}
EXHIBIT 8

SEN. MOHL asked questions about overtime costs, and suggested to not include these costs as part of the base. Discussion followed.
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.0; Comments: None.}

Mr. Greene
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.2; Comments: Explanation on P.L.A. Items # 7 and 8.}
EXHIBIT 8

Mr. Greene
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: Explanation of New Proposals.}

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.6; Comments: Questions on communications equipment and federal assistance were asked.}

HEARING ON VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM

Jim Jacobsen, Administrator, Veteran Affairs Division
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.4; Comments: Explanation of Present Law Adjustments, Items # 4,5,6.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM

Tape No: 4

MOTION/VOTE: REP. MENAHAN moved the 1996 base. Motion CARRIED unanimously.
{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.5; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 1-3. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.
{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.3; Comments: None.}

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: Discussion on P.L.A. Items # 4-6.}

MOTION: SEN. TAYLOR moved to reduce Item # 6 (Equipment) by half.
{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: None.}

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved to allow the full replacement of two copiers and approve half of the requested funds for computers.
{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.8; Comments: None.}

Discussion by COMMITTEE

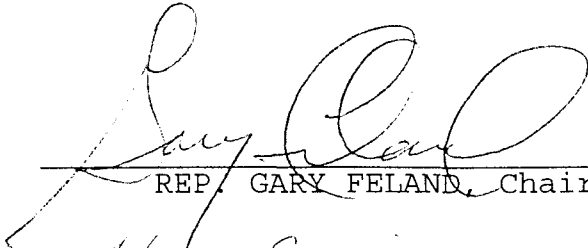
VOTE: Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.
{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.5; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: REP. VICK moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 4 and 5. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.
{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.6; Comments: None.}

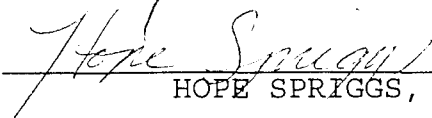
MOTION/VOTE: REP. VICK moved to accept Other Base Adjustments. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.
{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.0; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 A.M.



REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman



HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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