

## MINUTES

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

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on January 24, 1997, at 8:04 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: None  
Executive Action: DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
-MONTANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
-MONTANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
-DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mr. Tony Herbert, Information Services Division  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .8-21.1; Comments: Spoke on technology/information systems and updating equipment.}  
EXHIBIT 1

SEN. TAYLOR  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21-42; Comments: Questions on networking of agencies, equipment costs and ISD budgeting.}

**COMMITTEE QUESTIONS**

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4-17; Comments: The committee questioned Mr. Herbert on computers and support staff.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Chris Denning, Facilities Management Office, Department of Military Affairs

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26; Comments: Explained operating expenses.}

John Wheeler, Montana National Guard Environmental Office

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31; Comments: Explained increase in environmental area of budget.}

Ralph DeCunzo, Department of Military Affairs

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32; Comments: Explained vacant positions in the D.M.A..}

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. MOHL moved to accept the 1996 base. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.2; Comments: None.}

Discussion on Present Law Adjustments

SEN. MOHL suggested to take action on PLA, with the ability to readdress later after conferring with the budget staff.

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. MOHL moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 1-3 with the conditions as stated above. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.8; Comments: None.}

MOTION: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 4-12.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.3; Comments: None.}

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/VOTE: SEN. MOHL moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 4 and 5. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.6; Comments: None.}

MOTION: SEN. MOHL moved to reduce Item # 6 by 50%, designated as a one time only appropriation.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.3; Comments: None.}

Discussion on Item # 6.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-2, with REP. MENAHAN and SEN. CHRISTIAENS voting no.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.2; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: REP. VICK moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Item # 7 and 8. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.7; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept Present Law Adjustment, Items # 9-12. Motion CARRIED 5-1, with REP. VICK voting no.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11; Comments: None.}

MOTION: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept Other Base Adjustments.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.2; Comments: None.}

Discussion

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15; Comments: None.}

MOTION: SEN. MOHL moved to accept New Proposals, Items # 3-6.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.7; Comments: Discussion followed.}

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

MOTION/VOTE: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept the 1996 base. Motion CARRIED unanimously.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23; Comments: None.}

MOTION: REP. VICK moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 1-3.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24; Comments: Discussion followed.}

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.6; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. TAYLOR moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 4-7 and Other Base Adjustments. Motion CARRIED unanimously.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.7; Comments: None.}

MOTION: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept New Proposals, Item # 1 (two FTE).  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.7; Comments: None.}

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: SEN. MOHL moved to approve one FTE.

Gen. Prendergast

Spoke on behalf of N.P. Item # 1, for two maintenance FTE.

SEN. MOHL withdrew substitute motion.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.9; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

MOTION/VOTE: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept the 1996 base. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.6; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items, # 1-3. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37; Comments: None.}

MOTION: REP. MENAHAN moved to accept Present Law Adjustments, Items # 4-8.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.2; Comments: Discussion followed.}

Jim Greene, Administrator, Disaster and Emergency Services explained increases.

EXHIBIT 2 and 3

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/VOTE: REP. VICK moved to accept P.L.A. Item # 6, as a one time only appropriation, at \$10,000 each year of the biennium. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.6; Comments: None.}

SUBSTITUTE MOTION/VOTE: SEN. TAYLOR moved to reduce Present Law Adjustment, Item # 5 (Computer costs) by amount to arrive at \$12,600 each year of the biennium. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.4; Comments: None.}

VOTE: Original motion, Items # 4,7,8 CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.1; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved to accept Other Base Adjustments. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.9; Comments: None.}

MOTION: SEN. MOHL moved to accept New Proposals, Item # 2.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.3; Comments: Discussion followed with Mr. Greene.}

EXHIBIT 4,5,6

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.6; Comments: None.}

New Proposals, Item # 1 was not acted upon.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:46 A.M.

  
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REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman

  
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HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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