

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROGER DEBRUYCKER, on January 24,  
1997, at 8:00 A. M., in Room 201

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Roger DeBruycker, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Thomas F. Keating, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Sen. Larry L. Baer (R)  
Sen. Linda J. Nelson (D)  
Rep. William R. Wiseman (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Johnson

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Robert Tallerico, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Theda Rossberg, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Water Resources Division  
Department of Livestock  
Executive Action: Water Resources Division  
Department of Livestock

HEARING WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

EXECUTIVE ACTION ROCKY BOYS ISSUE

Amended Motion/Vote: CHAIRMAN DEBRUYCKER MOVED TO AMEND HIS  
PREVIOUS MOTION ON THE ROCKY BOYS WATER ISSUE THAT THE  
APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND WOULD BE A "ONE TIME ONLY"  
APPROPRIATION AND SPENDING AUTHORITY TRANSFERRED FROM GENERAL  
FUND TO FEDERAL FUNDS IF THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. Motion carried  
unanimously.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}*

Motion/Vote: REP. WISEMAN MOVED TO CLOSE THE HEARING ON THE WATER RESOURCES DIVISION. Motion carried unanimously.

#### HEARING LIVESTOCK DIVISION

EXHIBIT 1. Bob Tallerico, LFD reviewed a language proposal for the bison issue.

EXHIBIT 2. George Harris, Administrator Livestock Division presented the committee with their proposed language for the bison issue.

#### Discussion;

Larry Peterson discussed the problems with keeping track of hours and expenditures associated with the bison issue.

Mr. Harris explained the problems with accounting for the time in Personal Services associated with the bison control problem.

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#### Questions:

Mr. Tallerico asked if the division could account for all of the costs association with bison control.

#### Discussion:

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.3; Comments: None.}*

EXHIBIT 3. Motion/Vote: REP. WISEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE PROVIDED BY MR. TALLERICO ON BISON CONTROL WITH THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE. Motion carried unanimously.

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#### Discussion;

Mr. Peterson discussed using the \$70,000 for contracted services for a veterinarian for bison control.

#### Discussion:

The committee discussed ways and means of disposing of buffalo to make it more profitable.

Motion/Vote SEN. NELSON MOVED TO TRANSFER \$70,000 FROM CONTRACTED SERVICES TO BISON CONTROL FOR A ONE TIME ONLY APPROPRIATION. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON MOVED TO CLOSE THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:20 a.m.

  
REP. ROGER DEBRUYCKER, Chairman

  
THEDA ROSSBERG, Secretary

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