

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on January 27, 1997, at 8:04 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. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Division
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Agricultural Experiment
Station, Fire Services
Training School, Extension
Service, 1/24/97.

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON THE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

CHAIRMAN ROYAL JOHNSON called the meeting to order and discussed the hearings scheduled for the day. First on the agenda would be Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service followed by Fire Services Training School.

Montana State University (MSU) President Michael Malone offered opening remarks about the agencies associated with MSU, their importance and salary problems. Dr. Joe Chapman, Provost - MSU, discussed the importance of land grants, and the extension offices in serving the needs of the agricultural community.

Dr. Tom McCoy, Dean of Agriculture and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, elaborated on the economics generated from the Agriculture field, the funding ratio of State versus private dollars, graduate and undergraduate students served, and future benefits from research programs.

EXHIBIT 1

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Mr. Gary Broyles of the Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA) offered testimony regarding the importance of the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the direct correlation research has with increased yields. **Mr. Chuck Merja** spoke about research versus state funding. **Mr. Kent Lawson, and Mr. Scott Wiley** also spoke in favor of the Experiment Station.

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Mr. Lanny Christman, Montana Wheat and Barley Commission, and Ms. Lorna Frank-Karn of the Montana Farm Bureau supported the efforts of the Experiment Station, as did **Mr. Don Ross, Ms. Candace Torgerson and Mr. Les Graham**. **Mr. Daryl Bowls and Mr. Bing VonBergen** expressed similar sentiment.

EXHIBIT 2 (Mr. Christman)

EXHIBIT 3 (Ms. Torgerson)

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Dr. Andrea Pagenkopf, Director, MSU Extension Service, presented an overview of the agency. **Mr. Dave Phillips, Mr. Roger Sheley and Ms. Debbie Donovan** offered further information regarding the Extension Service. **Ms. Judy Garrity, Ms. Kathy Bessette, Ms. Marjorie Chenadle, and Mr. Jeremy Fritz** spoke in favor of the 4-H program within the Extension Service.

EXHIBIT 4 (Ms. Donovan)

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EXHIBIT 7 (Ms. Garrity)

EXHIBIT 7a (Mr. Fritz)

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HEARING ON THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL

Mr. Butch Weedon, Director of the Fires Services Training School, discussed funding and budget issues of the school. **Mr. Jay Verdi** provided information about volunteer fire departments and their need for training programs through the school. **Mr. Joe Calnan** spoke of the safety programs offered to grade and high schools.

EXHIBIT 8 (Mr. Calnan)

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Mr. Scott Waldron, Mr. Teach Elrod and Mr. Robert Flemming reiterated the need to fund the Fire Services Training School. **Mr. Bill Parrin, of the Stevensville Fire Department** spoke of the need to increase field staff of the Training School. **Mr. Ross FitzGerald** concurred.

EXHIBIT 9 (Mr. Waldron)

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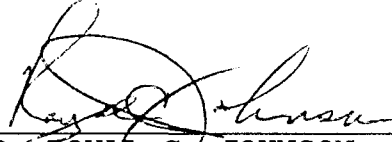
Questions and Comments from the committee.

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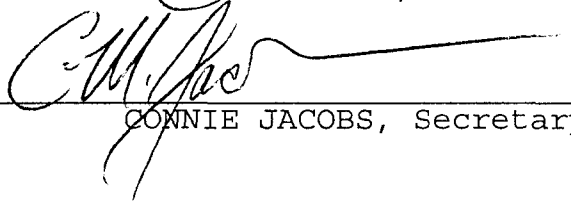
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.



REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman



CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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Note: This meeting was recorded on three (3) 90 minute tapes.