### MINUTES

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

### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ED GRADY, on January 29, 1997, at 8:04, in Room 402.

### ROLL CALL

### Members Present:

Rep. Edward J. "Ed" Grady, Chairman (R)
Sen. Loren Jenkins, Vice-Chairman (R)

Sen. Eve Franklin (D)

Rep. Bob Keenan (R)

Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)

Rep. Joe Quilici (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ed Grady, excused at 10:50

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division

Jim Turner, Legislative Fiscal Division Elaine Benedict, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Judiciary - 1/6/97

Executive Action: None

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

REP. ED GRADY.

EXHIBIT 1

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.3; Comments: None.}

### HEARING ON JUDICIARY

### Informational Testimony:

Chief Justice J.A. Turnage.

### EXHIBITS 2 & 3

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.5; Comments: None.}

Pat Chenovick, Supreme Court Administrator.

### EXHIBIT 4

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.1; Comments: None.}

Karen Sedlock, Citizen Review Board Program Supervisor.

### EXHIBIT 5

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.4; Comments: None.}

### Proponents' Testimony:

Judy Jacobs, Former Senator, Butte, Montana.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.5; Comments: None.}

Susan Talbot, Citizen Review Board Member, Missoula, Montana.

### EXHIBIT 6

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.4; Comments: None.}

Margaret Flemming, Citizen Review Board Member, Butte, Montana. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.7; Comments: None.}

Elizabeth Drummond, Citizen Review Board Member, Missoula, Montana.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.6; Comments: None.}

John Larson, Fourth Judicial District Court Judge, Missoula and Mineral Counties.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 44.1; Comments: None.}

John Whelan, Second Judicial District Court Judge, Butte, Montana.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.8; Comments: None.}

### Opponents' Testimony:

Hank Hudson, Child and Family Services Division Administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services.

### EXHIBITS 7 & 8

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.0; Comments: None.}

### Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.3; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Ms. Flemming

-Ms. Sedlock

-Ms. Jacobs

### Informational Testimony:

Judy Meadows, State Law Library Director.

### EXHIBIT 9

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: None.}

## Hearing Questions/Responses: {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.5; Comments: None.}

### Proponents' Testimony:

Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.0; Comments: None.}

# Hearing Questions/Responses: {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.1; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

## -Mr. Chenovick

### Informational Testimony:

Dave McAlpin, Supreme Court Deputy Clerk. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.7; Comments: None.}

# Hearing Questions/Responses: {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.8; Comments: None.}

### Informational Testimony:

Bruce Loble, Water Court Chief Water Judge. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.7; Comments: None.}

# Hearing Questions/Responses: {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: None.}

### Informational Testimony (Resumed):

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.0; Comments: None.}

### Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.7; Comments: None.}

### Informational Testimony (Resumed):

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.3; Comments: None.}

### Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.3; Comments: None.}

### Informational Testimony:

Mr. Chenovick.

EXHIBITS 10, 11, 12 & 13

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.9; Comments: None.}

### Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.5; Comments: None.}

### ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:18

REP. EDWARD J. "ED" (RADY, Chairman

ELAINE BENEDICT, Secretary

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