

## MINUTES

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

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 5, 1997, at 8:00 a.m., in Room 317 of the State Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Thomas A. "Tom" Beck, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Sen. John "J.D." Lynch (D)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

**Members Excused:** none

**Members Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Nan LeFebvre, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Debbie Rostocki, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 188, cont.; HB 398  
Executive Action: none

#### HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 188 - CONT. FROM 2/4/97

**Mr. Tony Herbert**, Department of Administration Information Services Division Administrator, gave an overview of the Statewide Geographic Information System (GIS) Cadastral Database Project. **EXHIBIT 1**

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**Ms. Judy Paynter**, Department of Revenue Deputy Director, spoke in support of the proposal, illustrating how the information could be utilized by the private citizen; **Mr. Herbert** cited additional examples. Questions were asked.

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**Mr. Herbert** discussed budgeting of the project. Questions were asked about the physical location of the database and other factors in the planning process as well as the role of the private sector in the funding of the project.

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**Ms. Paynter** then discussed the Department of Revenue's role in the project and spoke of the demand for GIS information.

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**Ms. Dolores Cooney**, Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division, gave a presentation contrasting the present documents with the proposed new system. **EXHIBIT 1A** Questions were asked.

**Ms. Paynter** described the conversion to the GIS system in the cities of Dillon and Butte. Questions were asked.

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**Mr. Ken Williams**, Montana Power Company (MPC), rose in support of the project, stating that MPC was committed to act as the head of the private sector funding of the project. Questions were asked.

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**Mr. John Shontz**, Montana Association of Realtors, rose in support of the project and stated that the Association was committed to investing in the project.

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Questions were asked. **Mr. Stewart Kirkpatrick** reviewed how the Butte GIS project had been funded and **Mr. Steve Hellenthal**, the Information Systems Director for Yellowstone County, reviewed the funding in Musselshell and Yellowstone Counties. **Ms. Sue Haverfield**, Clerk and Recorder/Surveyor for Flathead County, described their funding. State funding was discussed. **Mr. Kirkpatrick** discussed the setting of standards for the GIS.

**Mr. Bob Carroll**, a member of the GIS Management Committee, spoke in support of the partnership of state, federal and private sectors to fund the effort.

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**Ms. Sue Haverfield**, Flathead County, described the history of their acquisition of GIS technology and outlined the savings they had realized.

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**Mr. Allan Cox**, Director of the Natural Resource Information System, a clearinghouse located in the State Library, rose in support of the project.

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**Mr. Steve Hellenthal**, Yellowstone County, commented on the costs of GIS development. **Mr. Herbert** spoke in support of the project on behalf of **Mr. Gordon Morris**, Montana Association of Counties. **EXHIBIT 2** He also submitted documents in support of the project from the U. S. Bureau of Land Management and the Billings Area Bureau of Indian Affairs Office. **EXHIBITS 3 and 4** Questions were asked. **Ms. Jane Hamman**, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning, discussed funding. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** requested additional information.

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Ms. Lois Menzies, Director of the Department of Administration, presented additional information regarding MT PRRIME and the funding of HB 188. EXHIBIT 5 Questions were asked.

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HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 398  
LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM  
LEASE/PURCHASE OF STATE BUILDINGS

Ms. Debra Fulton, Department of Administration General Services Division Administrator, presented additional information in response to questions the committee had asked at her presentation on January 31, 1997. EXHIBITS 6, 7, 8 and 9 Questions were asked.

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Mr. Dennis Taylor, Deputy Director of the Department of Justice, spoke in support of the bill. Questions were asked; Mr. Taylor described the functions of the Department's Billings Office.

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director of the Department of Commerce, discussed the efficiencies of management which would be possible with a new building. Questions were asked; Dr. Blouke discussed the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) block grant proposal.

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Mr. Randy Mosley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), rose in support of HB 398. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Mike Billings, Administrator of the Operations and Technology Division, DPHHS, spoke in support of the bill.

Ms. Mary Bryson, Director of the Department of Revenue, rose in support of the measure.

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Questions were asked.

Mr. David Scott, Administrator of the Legal Centralized Services Division, Department of Labor and Industry, testified in support of the bill on behalf of the Department.

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Ms. Kathy Fabiano, Office of Public Instruction, rose in support of Section 7 (1) of HB 398. Questions were asked. Mr. Kent Rice, Legislative Audit Division, spoke.

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**Ms. Fulton** and **Mr. Rice** answered questions regarding purchasing vs. leasing of office space. **SEN. LYNCH** commented.

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**Ms. Fulton** reviewed the contents of **EXHIBIT 10**. Discussion took place regarding the issue of locating state employees in Helena vs. other communities. **Ms. Fulton** discussed the effect of the proposal on the rental rates at the capitol complex.

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The hearing on **HB 398** was closed.

#### HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 188

#### CONCLUSION OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PROJECT HEARING

**Mr. John Cleveland**, Executive Director for Technology at the University of Montana and **Mr. David Todd**, Montana State University (MSU), discussed the University System's bond proposal. **EXHIBITS 11, 12 and 13**

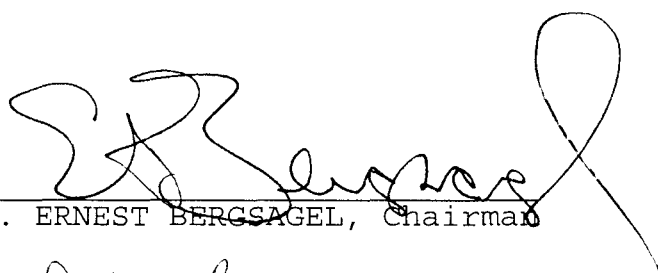
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Questions were asked regarding details of the proposal. In response to **SEN. BECK**, **Mr. Cleveland** said library technology and instructional and academic computing were their funding priorities. **Mr. Todd** said that for MSU the priorities were library technology and administrative support. Plans for dealing with year 2000 technical issues were reviewed. Software licensing arrangements were discussed and the effect of upgrades on desktop technology was addressed.

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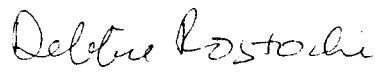
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 noon



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REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



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DEBBIE ROSTOCKI, Secretary

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This meeting was recorded on three 90-minute audiocassette tapes.