

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By VICE-CHAIRMAN LOREN JENKINS, on February 10, 1997, at 8:05, 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, joined meeting at 8:30

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindy Weaver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Elaine Benedict, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Legislative Branch, Consumer
Counsel - 1/6/97
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Proponents' Testimony:

REP. JOHN MERCER, HD 74, Speaker of the House, Legislative
Council Member.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: None.}

SEN. MIKE HALLIGAN, SD 34, Senate Minority Leader.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.4; Comments: None.}

SEN. GARY AKLESTAD, SD 44, President of the Senate.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.7; Comments: None.}

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, HD 95, Legislative Audit Committee
Chairman.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: None.}

REP. MATT MCCANN, HD 92, Legislative Finance Committee Chairman.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: None.}

Questions/Discussion:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.2; Comments: None.}

SEN. GREG JERGESON, SD 46, Legislative Audit Committee Vice
Chairman.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Scott Seacat, Legislative Auditor.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.6; Comments: None.} .

Bob Person, Legislative Services Executive Director.

EXHIBITS 1 & 2

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: None.}

Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.6; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst.

EXHIBITS 3 & 4

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.9; Comments: None.}

Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.7; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Person.

EXHIBIT 5

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.4; Comments: None.}

Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Mr. Person

-Mr. Seacat

-Mr. Schenck

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Person.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.8; Comments: None.}

EXHIBIT 6. Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legal Services
Division

Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Fairchild, National Conference of State Legislatures'
Liaison to Montana.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.1; Comments: DID NOT
PROVIDE TESTIMONY--INTRODUCED SEN. BEATTIE.}

Senator Lane Beattie, Utah Senate President, NCSL Executive
Committee and Budget & Finance Committee Member.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.8; Comments: None.}

Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.8; Comments: None.}

EXHIBITS 7 & 8. Ms. Fairchild

SEN. DELWYN GAGE, SD 43.

EXHIBIT 9

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.2; Comments: None.}

Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.2; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Mr. Person

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Schenck.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.1; Comments: None.}

Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.3; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Mr. Schenck

-Mr. Seacat

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Seacat.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.6; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON CONSUMER COUNSEL

Informational Testimony:

Bob Nelson, Consumer Counsel.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.6; Comments: None.}

Hearing Questions/Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.1; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:01



REP. EDWARD J. "ED" GRADY, Chairman



ELAINE BENEDICT, Secretary

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