

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on February 11, 1997, at 8:11 A.M., in Room 405.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gary Feland, Chairman (R)
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl, Vice-Chairman (R)
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Hope Spriggs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
2/11/97; 2/6/97

-SECURE FACILITIES
MONTANA STATE PRISON

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON MONTANA STATE PRISON

Mike Mahoney, Warden, Montana State Prison

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.0; Comments: Short Introduction.}

Tom Wood, Security Major, M.S.P.

Budget requests: Checkpoint, changehouse, laundry/property office
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.9;}

SEN. TAYLOR and CHRISTIAENS asked Mr. Wood questions on checkpoint manning hours and previous legislative funding for the changehouse.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.3;}

Jim Wagner, Unit Manager, M.S.P.

Overview of security units and needs

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0;}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: Mr. Wagner continued his presentation.}

EXHIBITS 1-3

SEN. TAYLOR asked Mr. Wagner questions on length of his unit's three shifts.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.9;}

Mr. Mahoney

Summary of unit's request and explanation of additional requests

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.3;}

SEN. MOHL asked questions of Mr. Mahoney on the Enterprises Program, FTE needs with passage of prisoner work bill and applicability of the bidding process.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.8;}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Mr. Mahoney about computer education for inmates, where it would be applied and where new FTE will be utilized.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.2;}

REP. VICK asked Mr. Mahoney questions about the Inner Perimeter Security Team.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 37.9;}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS and REP. FELAND asked Mr. Mahoney about protective custody and the I.P.S. team scheduling.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.4;}

PUBLIC TESTIMONY- Montana State Prison

John "Whitey" VanSwearingen, Field Representative, Montana Federation of State Employees

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.9; Comments: Testimony: Proponent: Support of M.S.P. budget requests and rehabilitation/treatment.}

HEARING ON MONTANA STATE PRISON, CONTINUED

Ken Ingle, Substance Abuse Program Supervisor, M.S.P.
Chemical Dependency Program: M.S.P. history and goals
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.9;.}

EXHIBIT 4,5

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Mr. Ingle about the Warm Springs Program, aftercare plans, cooperation with families and follow up statistics.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.9;.}

Sandy Heaton, Director, Sex Offender Program, M.S.P.
Program overviews of background, treatment and staff.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.1;.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: Ms. Heaton continued.}

EXHIBIT 6

REP. MENAHAN and REP. VICK asked Ms. Heaton about denial among offenders, group demographics and restriction of certain materials to offenders.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.1;.}

Craig Thomas, Director, Parole Board, M.S.P.

Answered SEN. CHRISTIAENS questions on parole after treatment, providing aftercare in communities and treatment before release.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.0;.}

The COMMITTEE asked Ms. Heaton questions on reoffenders presently in M.S.P., juvenile sex offenders, sex offender treatment rates and her opinion on the problem of sex offenders.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.5;.}

Kenny Neubauer, Unit Manager, M.S.P.
Description and requirements of inmate work programs

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.3;.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Mr. Neubauer continued.}

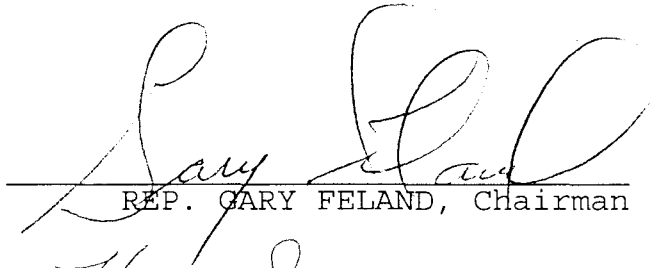
EXHIBIT 7

The COMMITTEE asked Mr. Neubauer questions about inmate work program total numbers, and possible new work positions.


{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.0;.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:32 A.M.



REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman



HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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These minutes were recorded on three 90 minute audio-cassette tapes.