

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 11, 1997, at 7:00 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: **HOUSE BILLS 5 and 14 - Long Range Building Program - Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Cont.; Agriculture; Labor; Admin.**
Executive Action: none

HEARING ON HOUSE BILLS 5 AND 14 - LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM
DEPT. OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS (FWP) - WILDLIFE PROJECTS

Ms. Nan LeFebvre distributed copies of the meeting agenda.
EXHIBIT 1

A summary of FWP's 98/99 Capital Program proposal was distributed. **EXHIBIT 2**

HEARING ON Bighorn Sheep Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 158

Mr. Pat Graham, FWP Director, reviewed the program. Mr. Don Childress, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator, gave a breakdown of how the funding was going to be used; questions were asked; discussion took place regarding the revenue generated by the auction. A report summarizing the annual Moose and Sheep License Auction was distributed. **EXHIBIT 3**

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HEARING ON Waterfowl Stamp Protection Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 151

Mr. Graham reviewed the proposal.

HEARING ON Habitat Montana Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 122

Mr. Graham distributed a report on the project **EXHIBIT 4** and a brochure on conservation easements **EXHIBIT 5** and gave a review of the project, which has redirected its focus towards conservation easements and away from fee title purchases. Questions were asked; Mr. Graham addressed the process involved in easement acquisition and access issues. The part easements play in estate planning vs. habitat management was discussed as well as the cost effectiveness of the program from a government perspective. Mr. Graham discussed the role of management plans.

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HEARING ON Wildlife Habitat Maintenance Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 145

Mr. Graham reviewed the account, which provided for the maintenance of the Habitat Montana Project. Questions were asked.

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HEARING ON Cultural & Historic Parks Improvements Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 119

Mr. Graham reviewed the proposal. **EXHIBIT 6**
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HEARING ON Water Based Recreation Programs Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 139

Mr. Graham proposed that the request for the first project be reduced by \$100,000 to reflect the redirection of federal Wallop-Roe funds and reviewed the projects under the proposal. **EXHIBIT 7**
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HEARING ON Capitol Complex Irrigation Improvements Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 132

Mr. Graham reviewed the project. **EXHIBIT 8** Questions were asked. Mr. Graham stated that the project only addressed the highest priority irrigation needs. Ms. Jane Hamman, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning, spoke. Ms. LeFebvre

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reviewed the Capitol Land Grant account revenue and expenditure projections. **EXHIBIT 9**
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HEARING ON Road Improvements, State Parks Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 135

Mr. Graham reviewed the proposal. **EXHIBIT 10** Questions were asked regarding the Bannack project.
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Mr. Graham distributed a handout listing what FWP anticipated for additional operations and maintenance costs. **EXHIBIT 11**
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HEARING ON Admin. Facilities Repairs & Improvements Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 142

Mr. Graham reviewed the project. Questions were asked.
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Mr. Dave Mott, FWP Administration and Finance Division Administrator, reviewed the Capitol Program funding sources listed in **EXH. 2**. Questions were asked. Mr. Graham discussed the factors affecting FWP's projected decline in revenues, including the impact of whirling disease.

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Mr. Graham made closing remarks. Questions were asked. License fee increases and management issues were discussed.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - State Grain Lab Modification Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 45

Mr. Will Kissinger, Administrator of the Agricultural Development Division, Department of Agriculture, reviewed the project. **EXHIBIT 12** Questions were asked.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
Missoula Job Service Elevator Installation Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 75

Ms. Ingrid Danielson, Job Service Division, Department of Labor and Industry, reviewed the project. Questions were asked.
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Ms. Danielson reviewed the backlog of projects still on the books, beginning with the 50th legislative session (see **EXH. 2**,

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2/6/97, Section C). Questions were asked. **Ms. Danielson** discussed the Department's outstanding bonds (EXH. 2, 2/6/97, Section B)

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
HEARING ON

Critical Project Requirements, Capitol Renovation Project
and State Capitol Historic Restoration Project
Governor's Budget Book - pp. 177 and 202

Ms. Lois Menzies, Director of the Department of Administration, reviewed the Capitol Renovation and Restoration Projects as well as the Department's Cash Program projects. She submitted an outline of her presentation EXHIBIT 13 and a letter in support of State Capitol restoration from Secretary of State **Mike Cooney**, who was unable to attend the hearing. EXHIBIT 14

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Mr. Dennis Deppmeier, A & E Architects, Billings, discussed the project. EXHIBIT 15 He distributed copies of Montana Magazine which contained an article on Capitol restoration EXHIBIT 16 and revised plans. EXHIBIT 17.

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GOVERNOR MARC RACICOT testified in support of the projects.

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Mr. Deppmeier concluded his presentation.

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Ms. Fulton discussed the project critical requirements, reviewing the proposed committee room layouts. EXHIBIT 18 **Mr. Deppmeier** discussed their plans for the barrel vault area.

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Questions were asked regarding the heating/cooling system mechanical upgrades. **Mr. Deppmeier** and **Ms. Fulton** spoke. Design plans were discussed; there were additional questions and comments. Discussion took place regarding the use of unspent funds from the renovation project on the restoration project. Plans for restoration of the Secretary of State's vault were reviewed.

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Ms. Menzies gave an overview of the Historic Restoration Project, referring the committee to the last page of EXH. 13

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Questions were asked. **Mr. Tom O'Connell**, Department of Administration Architecture and Engineering Division, discussed he and **Ms. Fulton's** findings when they had visited Nevada City during the summer of 1996.

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Ms. Betty Babcock, Montana Capitol Restoration Foundation Chairperson, spoke in support of the project. See written testimony. **EXHIBIT 19** She submitted petitions from several Montana counties in support of the restoration **EXHIBIT 20** and a copy of an article from Country Living magazine which contained a picture of Montana's Capitol dome. **EXHIBIT 21**

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Mr. Ed Bell, a Helena citizen, spoke in support of restoration.

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Mr. Brian Cockhill, Director of the Montana Historical Society, rose in support of **HOUSE BILL 14** and the historic restoration portion of the bill.

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Mr. Hal Stearns, a Helena citizen, expressed concern for the preservation of Virginia City as well as the State Capitol.

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Ms. Chris Imhoff, a citizen in support of restoration, reviewed her role in the fundraising process.

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Questions were asked. Ms. Fulton discussed barrel vault reconstruction, project cost estimates and fundraising issues.

Ms. Babcock spoke about fundraising. Discussion took place.

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Questions were asked regarding the information technology section of the critical needs project. Mr. Deppmeier addressed the subject of fiber optics installation.

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HEARING ON Capitol Complex Roof Repair & Replacement Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 54

Ms. Fulton reviewed the project. Questions were asked.

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HEARING ON Repair Limestone on Museum
Repair Masonry on Other Complex Buildings
Governor's Budget Book - p. 62

Ms. Fulton reviewed what was proposed; questions were asked.

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HEARING ON Plan Lease Reduction Program, Helena (HB 398)
Governor's Budget Book - p. 73

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Ms. Fulton reviewed the proposal. EXHIBIT 22
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Questions were asked. Mr. O'Connell discussed how they had arrived at the cost estimate for the project. Ms. Fulton discussed the reasons for the increased general services maintenance requirements funding contained in EXH. 9. Discussion took place.

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HEARING ON Statewide Hazardous Materials Mitigation Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 35

Mr. O'Connell reviewed the proposal and stated there was no list of the actual projects the funding would be used for. Questions were asked.

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HEARING ON Statewide State Building Energy Retrofit Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 80

Mr. O'Connell reviewed the program and funding, which included Montana Power Company funds.

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Review of existing Dept. of Administration projects

Ms. Fulton reviewed the existing Department of Administration projects which remained on the books (see EXH. 2, 2/6/97, Section B). Questions were asked. Mr. O'Connell and Ms. Fulton reviewed the Department of Administration projects contained in Section C of EXH. 2, 2/6/97. Questions were asked. Ms. Kathy Willis, Dept. of Administration, spoke.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 noon



ERNEST BERGSAGEL

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



Debbie Rostocki

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