

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 12, 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 -  
Depts. of Transportation;  
Natural Resources & Cons.;  
Public Health & Human  
Services; Military Affairs  
Executive Action: none

A hearing agenda was distributed by **Ms. LeFebvre**. **EXHIBIT 1**

HEARING ON HOUSE BILLS 5 AND 14 - cont. from 2/6/97  
LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Review of Previously Authorized Projects

**Mr. John Blacker**, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Maintenance Division Administrator, reviewed MDT projects remaining on the books (see **EXH. 2**, 2/6/97, Section C). Questions were asked. **Mr. Larry Murolo**, MDT Facilities Manager, spoke. Discussion took place regarding the emergency account.  
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**Mr. Murolo** reviewed the projects remaining on the books which were appropriated directly to the MDT. **EXHIBIT 2 Ms. Kathy Willis**, Department of Administration Architecture and Engineering (A & E) Division, spoke.

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HEARING ON Repair, Maint. & Minor Const. Projects, Statewide Governor's Budget Book - p. 84

**Mr. Blacker** reviewed the proposal. **Mr. Blacker** and **Mr. Murolo** answered questions. Issues regarding the West Yellowstone airport were discussed.

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HEARING ON Equipment Buildings, Statewide Projects  
EXHIBITS 3 and 3A

**Ms. LeFebvre** distributed a revised Capitol Project request from the MDT. **EXHIBITS 3 and 3A**

**Mr. Blacker** and **Mr. Murolo** explained why the budget request had been adjusted. **Mr. Blacker** reviewed the projects. Questions were asked.

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION (DNRC)  
Review of Previously Authorized Projects

**Mr. Don Artley**, DNRC Forestry Division Administrator, reviewed the forestry-related projects remaining on the books (EXH. 2, 2/6/97, Section C). Cost breakdowns were requested by **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL**.

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**Mr. Artley** discussed the Plains unit project. Questions were asked regarding cost over-runs. **Mr. Tom O'Connell**, Department of Administration A & E Division Administrator, spoke. Additional questions were asked regarding the other projects.

**Mr. Artley** reviewed the projects remaining on the books which had been appropriated directly to DNRC. **EXHIBIT 4 Ms. LeFebvre** spoke.

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**Mr. Gary Fritz**, DNRC Water Resources Division Administrator, reviewed the Tongue River Dam project. Questions were asked. **Ms. LeFebvre** stated she would prepare an amendment to **HB 5** to reflect the \$631,000 reduction mentioned by **Mr. Fritz**.

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Mr. Fritz discussed the Petrolia Dam Project. Questions were asked.

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HEARING ON Maintenance and Improvement Projects, Statewide Governor's Budget Book - p. 56

Mr. Artley reviewed the proposal. He discussed a \$89,200 paving project at MDT's Kalispell facility which the Department wanted added to the priority list. Questions were asked and discussion took place regarding the prioritization of projects.

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HEARING ON Plains Unit Fire Cache/Garage Project Governor's Budget Book - p. 67

Mr. Artley reviewed the project; questions were asked.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DPHHS)  
Review of Previously Authorized Projects

Mr. Paul Haskell, DPHHS Quality Assurance Division Facilities Service Manager, reviewed the DPHHS projects remaining on the books (EXH. 2, 2/6/97, Section C). Questions were asked. Mr. O'Connell provided additional information regarding some of the projects.

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The projects at Galen were discussed. Mr. Dan Anderson, DPHHS, spoke. CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL requested a breakdown of expenditures at the facility.

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The rest of the appropriations remaining on the books were reviewed. Questions were asked.

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The project established in the 54th legislative session to train Montana State Prison inmates in demolition and asbestos removal was discussed.

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The review was completed; additional questions were asked. The bonded programs remaining on the books were reviewed (EXH. 2, 2/6/97, Section B) by Mr. Haskell. Questions were answered by Mr. Haskell, Mr. Anderson and Mr. O'Connell.

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The project at Montana State Hospital was discussed.

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Misc. Maint. & Improvements, MT Veterans' Home Projects  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 77

Mr. Pat Estenson, Montana Veterans' Home Administrator, reviewed the proposals. Questions were asked. Cost breakdowns were given. EXHIBITS 5 and 6  
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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Review of Previously Authorized Projects

Mr. Ralph DeCunzo, Department of Military Affairs (DMA), gave a brief overview of the department and then reviewed previously authorized appropriations. EXHIBITS 7, 8 and 9 Questions were asked.

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Demolition of Poplar Armory  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 37

Mr. DeCunzo reviewed the project.  
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Replace Roof, OMS #3, Helena  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 51

Mr. DeCunzo reviewed the project.  
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Furnace Replacement, Womack Armory  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 64

Mr. DeCunzo reviewed the project. Questions were asked regarding operational costs.  
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Federal Spending Authority  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 91

Mr. DeCunzo reviewed the projects the authority had been used for in the past and outlined future plans. Questions were asked.  
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Eastern Montana State Veterans' Cemetery, Phase 1  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 94

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Mr. Jim Jacobsen, DMA Veterans' Affairs Division Administrator, reviewed the project. **EXHIBIT 10** Questions were asked. Discussion took place regarding amending HB 18.  
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Track Parking, Fort Harrison  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 97

Mr. DeCunzo discussed the project plans. Questions were asked.  
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BOQ/BEQ, Fort Harrison  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 100

Mr. DeCunzo stated that this project no longer needed funding.

Combined Support Maintenance Shop, Fort Harrison  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 103

Mr. DeCunzo reviewed the request for federal spending authority.  
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Proposed amendments to HB's 5 and 14

Mr. DeCunzo presented proposed amendments to HB 5. **EXHIBIT 11** Questions were asked. Mr. DeCunzo explained why the BOQ/BEQ authority was no longer needed.

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The possible relocation of non-DMA state personnel into the Stark Armory was discussed. Mr. DeCunzo estimated there would be about a \$36,000 increase between DMA's current operations and maintenance costs at the Stark Armory vs. what would be paid at the new Armed Forces Reserve Center; Armed Forces Reserve Center project plans were discussed.

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Mr. DeCunzo reviewed proposed amendment No. 3, EXH. 11 (see also EXH. 9). Mr. DeCunzo reviewed the funds currently on DMA's books which the department proposed to be reappropriated for maintenance on the Army Aviation Support Facility. Mr. O'Connell discussed the Department of Administration's position on reversions. Mr. DeCunzo commented.

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Mr. DeCunzo reviewed the rest of the proposed amendments contained in EXH. 11. Questions were asked. The Billings Armed Forces Reserve Center Project was discussed. **EXHIBIT 12** Mr. DeCunzo discussed federal/state funding of DMA's building projects.

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Mr. DeCunzo reviewed proposed amendments to HB 14. EXHIBIT 13  
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Gen. Gene Prendergast, Adjutant General and DMA Director, discussed the proposed transfer of the overflow of students at the National Guard Education Center to Fort Harrison as well as Challenge Program plans for Fort Harrison. Questions were asked.  
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Col. Craig Reap, Chief Administrator of the Highway Patrol Division, Department of Justice, rose in support of relocation to the proposed Armed Forces Reserve Center. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Jim Oppedahl, Department of Justice Computer Services and Planning Division Administrator, rose in support of housing the Criminal Justice Information Network in the same facility as the Highway Patrol Communications Center and DES.

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Gen. Prendergast distributed information about the DMA. EXHIBIT 14 Mr. DeCunzo gave additional information regarding operations and maintenance costs and closed. Discussion took place.

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Ms. LeFebvre distributed copies of language in HB 5 regarding capitol restoration EXHIBIT 15 and project plans for HB 188's Cadastral Mapping Project which Mr. Tony Herbert, Dept. of Administration, had given her. EXHIBIT 16 Discussion took place regarding committee plans. A memo providing additional information from Ms. Ingrid Danielson, Department of Labor and Industry, was distributed. EXHIBIT 17

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40 a.m.



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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.