

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 13, 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 (LFD)
Debbie Rostocki, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: **HOUSE BILLS 5 and 14 -** ,
University System Long-Range
Building Program (cont. from
2/12/97); **HB 217**
Executive Action: **HB 217 - DO PASS AS AMENDED**

HEARING ON HOUSE BILLS 5 AND 14 - CONT. FROM 2/12/97
LONG-RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM (LRBP)
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Ms. Nan LeFebvre, LFD, distributed copies of the meeting agenda **EXHIBIT 1** and a status sheet on previously authorized projects appropriated directly to the University System. **EXHIBIT 2**

Mr. Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, gave a brief overview. **EXHIBITS 3 and 4**
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University of Montana

Dr. George Dennison, President of the University of Montana (UM), gave an overview of UM's LRBp projects and plans. **EXHIBIT 5**
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Review of Previously Authorized Projects

Dr. Dennison reviewed the Life Science Building project. Mr. Hugh Jesse, UM, reviewed the remainder of the previously authorized projects still on the books (Tab 5, EXH. 5/EXH. 2, 2/6/97, Section C). Questions were asked. Mr. Tom O'Connell, Department of Administration Architecture and Engineering (A & E) Division Administrator, provided additional information.
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Mr. Jesse reviewed the bonded projects remaining on the books. (EXH. 2, 2/6/97, Section B). Mr. O'Connell discussed the commissioning of the Business Administration Building. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Jesse reviewed the projects with remaining authority on the Western Montana College (WMC) and Montana Tech campuses. (EXH. 2, 2/6/97, Sections B and C). Questions were asked. A list of planned reversions was distributed. EXHIBIT 6 Mr. Jesse reviewed how the miscellaneous project spending authority from the 1995 legislative session had been used.

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UM-Missoula Science Complex HVAC System Replacement Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 180

Mr. Jesse reviewed the project.

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UM Campuses - Code Compliance - Disability Access Projects
Governor's Budget Book - p. 40

Mr. Jesse reviewed the projects. Questions were asked. Mr. O'Connell discussed the method by which the \$2.9 million would be allocated to the various campuses.

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UM-Missoula Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project

Mr. Jesse discussed the project and funding alternatives.

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UM-Dillon Boiler Plant & Utility Distribution Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 199

Mr. Jesse reviewed the project (p. 10, EXH. 5).

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UM Campuses Roof Replacement Projects
Governor's Budget Book - p. 48

Mr. Jesse reviewed the projects.
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UM Campuses - Lab & Classroom Renovation Projects

Mr. Jason Thielman, UM Student Body President, rose in support of the projects and reviewed the successful student referendum to raise half the cost (\$7 million) of the projects. EXHIBITS 7 and 7A
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Mr. Chris Veis, Montana Tech Student Body President, discussed the needs the projects were aimed at meeting.
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Mr. Chris Johnson, WMC Student Body President, rose in support of funding and testified that all three campuses had widespread student support for the projects. SENATOR LYNCH rose in support of the students' effort. Questions were asked.
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Fire Suppression Systems Repair/Upgrade Projects - UM Campuses

Mr. Jesse discussed the request.
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UM Campuses Building Exterior Repair Projects

Mr. Jesse reviewed the projects. Questions were asked.
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UM-Dillon Rural Technological Center Project

Dr. Sheila Stearns, Chancellor at WMC, rose in support of the project. EXHIBITS 8 and 8A Questions were asked.
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UM Campuses - Repair/Replace Mechanical Systems

Mr. Jesse reviewed the projects (p. 25, EXH. 4). Questions were asked regarding the prioritizing of projects.
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UM Campuses - Authority Only Projects

Mr. Jesse gave a short introduction. **Mr. Rollo Shea**, Director of Physical Facilities at Montana Tech, reviewed their Chemistry Building renovation project. Questions were asked. **Mr. Jim Whaley**, Department of Administration A & E Division, spoke, stating that the building could be built without the additional spending authority, but about 20% of it would remain unfinished.
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Mr. Shea discussed the Mill Building Project.
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Mr. Jesse discussed the UM request for blanket authority. Questions were asked.

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Dr. Dennison reviewed the request for authority for construction of the Alumni Center on the UM campus.
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Dr. Stearns discussed a proposed amendment for funding of the renovation of the Main Hall Auditorium of WMC. **Mr. Jesse** closed. Discussion took place regarding possible amendments to HB's 5 and 14.

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Montana State University

Dr. Mike Malone, Montana State University (MSU) President, gave a brief overview of MSU's LRBP request.
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Review of Previously Authorized Projects

Mr. Bob Lashaway, Director of Facilities Services at MSU-Bozeman, reviewed the bonded and cash projects currently on the books. **EXHIBIT 9** Questions were asked. **Mr. O'Connell** spoke. Discussion took place regarding reversions; fundraising issues were discussed. Funding for the Animal Science Building and related subjects were discussed. Questions were asked.
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Mr. Lashaway distributed information regarding the budgetary impacts of various LRBP projects **EXHIBIT 10** and discussed the Facilities Condition Inventory Program.
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MSU-Billings Primary Electrical Distribution Replacement Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 171

Mr. Lashaway reviewed the project (EXH. 4, p. 2), noting that funding adjustments would be necessary for this project as well as Priority Projects No. 51 and 52. EXHIBIT 11
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MSU-Bozeman Utility Tunnel Extension Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 186

Mr. Lashaway reviewed the project (p. 4, EXH. 4). EXHIBITS 11 and 12 Questions were asked. Funding for the MSU athletic facility project was discussed.
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MSU Campuses Code Compliance - Disability Access Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 40

Mr. Lashaway reviewed the project.
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MSU-Northern Repair/Replacement Primary Electrical Distribution
Governor's Budget Book - p. 189

Mr. Lashaway submitted an amended funding request EXHIBIT 13 and reviewed the project.
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MSU Campuses Roof Replacement Projects
Governor's Budget Book - p. 48

Mr. Lashaway reviewed the project (EXH. 4, p. 11).

MSU-College of Technology (COT)-Great Falls
Facility Renovation/Completion Project
Governor's Budget Book - p. 205

Mr. Lashaway reviewed the project (p. 18, EXH. 4). Questions were asked.
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Dr. Malone discussed the project.
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MSU-COT Dean Willard Weaver rose in support of the project and gave an overview of the COT. EXHIBIT 14
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Mr. Tom Stump, Assistant Dean for Business and Finance, COT, reviewed the contents of EXH. 14.

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Dean Weaver closed. Questions were asked. Discussion took place regarding the cost-effectiveness of the project and the relationship between MSU and COT. Program plans and projected enrollment were discussed. **Mr. Stump** spoke. **Dr. Malone** closed.

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MSU-Billings Expansion of Special Ed Building

Dr. Malone reviewed the project (p. 21, EXH. 4).

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Dr. Ron Sexton, Chancellor, MSU-Billings, reviewed the proposal. EXHIBITS 15, 16, 17 and 18

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Ms. LeFebvre distributed an amendment proposed by MSU. EXHIBIT 19 **Dr. Sexton** answered questions. **Mr. O'Connell** spoke.

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MSU-Bozeman New Core Instruction Classroom-Lab Building Project

Dr. Malone gave an overview of the project, which would remove Hamilton Hall and replace it with a new structure, to be financed entirely from fees and private funds. EXHIBITS 20, 21 and 22.

Dr. Malone discussed the core laboratory classroom portion of the project and described the Computational Biology Research Program.

Dr. Malone discussed plans to make the building an "environmentally smart" building.

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Mr. Jim McCray, MSU Student Body President, rose in support of the proposal, noting the student body's support for the project.

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Mr. Lashaway commented on the operations and maintenance aspects of the project, reviewing the contents of EXH. 21. **Mr. Lashaway** stated that the project would be ridding MSU of one of its biggest deferred maintenance problems, Hamilton Hall.

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Dr. Malone closed.

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HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 217

Opening Statement by Sponsor: CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL, sponsor of HB 217, made some opening remarks; Ms. LeFebvre passed out proposed amendments. EXHIBIT 23

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Proponents' Testimony: Mr. Rod Sunsted, Associate Commissioner for Fiscal Affairs for the University System, rose in support of the bill and added it was introduced on behalf of the Board of Regents.

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Mr. Lashaway testified in support of the bill.

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Mr. Jesse (UM-Missoula) rose in support of the measure.

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Mr. Pat Graham, Director of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, rose in support of the bill. EXHIBIT 24

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Mr. Ralph DeCunzo, Department of Military Affairs, rose in support of the bill and amendments, endorsing Mr. Graham's comments.

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Mr. Tom O'Connell (Dept. of Admin., A & E Div.) rose in support of the bill, as amended.

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Dr. Stearns (UM-Dillon) rose in support of the bill as amended, on behalf of the other University System Chancellors and Presidents.

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Opponents' Testimony: none

Questions From Subcommittee Members and Responses: Questions were asked.

Closing by Sponsor: CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL closed.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 217

Motion/vote: SEN. BECK moved to accept the amendments contained in EXH. 23; motion carried unanimously.

Motion/vote: SEN. LYNCH moved that HOUSE BILL 217 DO PASS AS AMENDED; motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 noon.



REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



DEBBIE ROSTOCKI, Secretary

EB/DR

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