

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 14, 1997, at 8:00 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 - Corrections

Executive Action: **HB 188** - amendments only

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 188

Discussion: A meeting agenda **EXHIBIT 1** and proposed modifications to **HB 188 EXHIBIT 2** were distributed by **Ms. Nan LeFebvre**. Questions were asked; **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** outlined budget goals and the general fund reduction targets the Committee was required to meet; discussion took place.

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**Ms. Lois Menzies**, Director of the Department of Administration, outlined the Department's proposed bonding changes, which included bonding for equipment on a four or five-year basis. All other bonding would be for a ten-year term. **EXHIBIT 3** Questions were asked. **Ms. Menzies** said the debt service for MT PRRIME in the coming biennium would be nearly \$2.6 million (the information on p. 1 of **EXH. 3** was incorrect).

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**Ms. Mary Bryson**, Director of the Department of Revenue, discussed the impact of the Long-Range Building Program funding decisions on the Department's Information Technology needs.

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#### EXHIBIT 4

There was general agreement to tentatively approve of the amendments drawn up by **Ms. LeFebvre** **EXHIBIT 5** and to also include an amendment specifying that computers and other equipment be bonded for a shorter period of time. The committee reviewed proposed reductions department by department.

**Ms. Bryson** presented answers to questions from the prior week. **EXHIBITS 6** and **7** Questions were asked.

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**Ms. Menzies** outlined the proposed reductions for the Department of Administration projects. Questions were asked. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** reviewed the decisions which had resulted in the proposed reductions. **EXHIBIT 8**

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**Motion:** **SEN. BECK** moved to adopt the amendments contained in **EXH. 5**.

**Discussion:** Discussion took place regarding the University System reductions. **SEN. LYNCH** requested that the vote on the University System amendments (Nos. 4 and 7) be segregated from the others.

**Vote:** The question was called for on the motion to adopt amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 on **EXH. 5**; motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion:** **SEN. LYNCH** moved to provide the University System with \$3 million in bonding authority, half to be paid for from the general fund and half from other funds. Discussion took place.

**Vote:** The Question was called for and the motion failed, with **SEN. LYNCH** voting "yes," **SEN. BECK** and **REPS. MCCANN** and **ZOOK** opposed and **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** abstaining.

**Motion/vote:** **REP. ZOOK** moved to adopt proposed amendments No. 4 and 7 on **EXH. 5**, eliminating all funding for and reference to the University System; motion carried with **SEN. LYNCH** opposed.

**Motion/vote:** **SEN. BECK** moved to direct **Ms. LeFebvre** to draw up amendments reflecting the discussions with the Department of Administration (**EXH. 3**) regarding bonding payback timeframes as they related to the useful life of equipment. The motion carried unanimously.

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HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 5 - CONT. FROM 2/13/97  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mr. Bob Anderson, Construction and Facility Manager, Department of Corrections, reviewed some proposed amendments to HB'S 5 and 14. EXHIBITS 9 and 10

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Montana Youth Alternatives Program - Boulder  
Secure Female Facility and Renovation  
Governor's Budget Book, Vol. 3 - p. 59

Mr. Anderson reviewed the Montana Youth Alternatives Program (MYAP) outstanding appropriations. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Jim Bauch, MYAP Superintendent, gave an overview of their proposal. Questions were asked. A cost breakdown for the project was distributed. EXHIBITS 11 and 12

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Mr. Bauch gave an overview of current MYAP operations. Questions were asked regarding secure care facilities for female youth on the campus. Mr. Anderson spoke.

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Questions were asked regarding the Aspen Program; Mr. Bauch gave an overview of the status of female youth offender placements and discussed the results of the closure of Mountain View School.

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Mr. Bauch addressed the possible placement of secure care girls at the Boulder campus. Discussion took place regarding male juvenile offenders, the Pine Hills School and the juvenile justice system in general. Mr. Anderson discussed the Department of Correction's plans for the future, especially in regard to expansion.

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The boot camp concept was discussed.

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Mr. Bauch described the Aspen Program. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Bauch addressed the possible expansion of the Aspen Program. Discussion took place regarding economies of scale; Mr. Anderson closed.

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Montana Correctional Enterprises (MCE)  
Improvements/Expansion  
Governor's Budget Book, Vol. 3 - P. 82

Mr. Anderson gave a brief overview of the industries expansion project.

Mr. Ron Paige, Montana Correction Enterprises Ranch Manager, gave an overview of their funding request. Questions were asked. Possible expansion of the prison garden and other ideas were discussed. CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL inquired about the possibility of expanding the MSP Industries Program to train and utilize inmates to repair and upgrade the state's surplus computers for re-use or to sell.

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Montana State Prison (MSP) - Warm Springs  
Xanthopoulos Building Renovations  
Governor's Budget Book, Vol. 3 - p. 70

Mr. Anderson reviewed why the monies approved during the 1995 legislative session for this project were instead used to fund the Boot Camp Project. He also discussed including language in the appropriation to allow MSP staff to make the building modifications rather than using outside labor.

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MSP Warden Mike Mahoney rose in support of the MCE proposal to move the Motor Vehicle Maintenance Operation outside the single fence perimeter and then discussed the Xanthopoulos Building proposal. Questions were asked. Mr. Anderson spoke.

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Funding issues were discussed. Mr. Tom O'Connell, Department of Administration Architecture and Engineering Division Administrator, discussed the proposed amendment.

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Warden Mahoney addressed the proposed expansion of the MSP Garden and other plans including inmate participation in the operations of the new cook/chill facility.

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Mr. Anderson discussed the cook/chill facility concept. Warden Mahoney commented. Mr. Anderson closed.

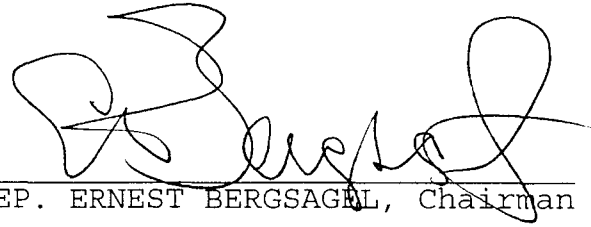
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A summary of the DOC LRBP proposals was submitted by DOC.

EXHIBIT 13

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 noon



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REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman



Handwritten signature of Debbie Rostocki, Secretary, written over a horizontal line.

DEBBIE ROSTOCKI, Secretary

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