

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 17, 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 BILL 5** - Dept. of Corrections - cont. from 2/14/97  
Executive Action: none

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 5 - CONT. FROM 2/14/97  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Ms. LeFebvre distributed some committee agendas. **EXHIBITS 1** and **2**

Review of Previously Authorized Projects

**Mr. Bob Anderson**, Construction and Facilities Manager for the Department of Corrections, reviewed the department's previously authorized projects which remained on the books (**EXH. 2**, Section B, 2/6/97). Questions were asked. **Mr. Anderson** discussed the Missoula Regional Prison Project and county/state contract provisions.

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**Mr. Anderson** discussed the remaining authority attached to the Montana State Prison (MSP) and reviewed the funding transfers

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which had occurred. Questions were asked. MSP **Warden Mike Mahoney** provided information. **EXHIBITS 3 and 4**  
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**Mr. Anderson** reviewed the remaining authority from the 52nd legislative session. Questions were asked. **Mr. Tom O'Connell**, Department of Administration Architecture and Engineering Division Administrator and his colleague **Ms. Kathy Willis**, spoke.

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**Mr. Anderson** detailed the status of current MSP projects with remaining authority and reviewed the transfers of authority which had occurred. **Warden Mahoney** discussed the plans to install fiberoptic cable at the Boot Camp; **Mr. Carl Nelson**, MSP Maintenance and Service Manager, provided additional information. Questions were asked.

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**Mr. O'Connell** spoke. Discussion took place regarding the allocation of blanket authority. **Mr. Rick Day**, Director of the Department of Corrections, spoke. **SEN. BECK** rose in support of earmarking project funding.

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**Mr. Anderson** reviewed the non-bonded projects remaining on the books (EXH. 2, Section C, 2/6/97). **EXHIBIT 5** Questions were asked. **Mr. O'Connell** discussed the projects at Pine Hills as well as the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) projects which had inadvertently been listed as Department of Corrections projects.

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**Mr. Anderson** reviewed the outstanding authority from the 52nd legislative session to the present. Questions were asked. **Mr. Nelson** spoke.

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**Mr. Day** discussed the department's long-term project plans and answered questions regarding prison population projections. Discussion followed.

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Regional Correctional Facilities  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 174

**Mr. Anderson** opened; **Captain Mike O'Hara**, Project Manager for the Missoula Regional Prison Project, reviewed their plans and design changes. **EXHIBITS 6 and 7** Questions were asked regarding long-term juvenile detention at the facility as well as expansion potential.

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Mr. John Kahl, Dawson County Sheriff, discussed the proposal for a regional correctional facility at Glendive. Questions were asked. Questions were asked regarding when the regional facilities would come on line. Mr. Anderson discussed projected costs.

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Montana State Prison 192 Bed Expansion  
Governor's Budget Book - p. 195

Mr. Anderson opened; Warden Mahoney discussed funding of the prison system.

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Warden Mahoney reviewed the proposal for the new Cook/Chill Facility. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Bob Williams, Food Service Director at MSP, discussed the cook/chill concept and gave a video presentation. EXHIBIT 8

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Mr. Williams closed; questions were asked regarding how special dietary requirements would be addressed at the cook/chill facility. Projected operating and maintenance costs were discussed. Warden Mahoney spoke. Mr. Williams provided additional information. Mr. Anderson spoke. Mr. Dan Anderson, DPHHS, rose in support of the project. Questions were asked.

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Opponents: Ms. Melissa Case, Motel and Hotel Employees Union, questioned the plan to have the cook/chill facility serve the State Hospital.

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Questions were asked. Warden Mahoney discussed food service security problems under the current system vs. the proposed one. Mr. Bob Anderson spoke.

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Warden Mahoney reviewed the MSP housing unit construction request. Questions were asked.

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Warden Mahoney reviewed the remainder of MSP's request.

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Questions were asked and discussion took place. Mr. Nelson spoke. Warden Mahoney closed.

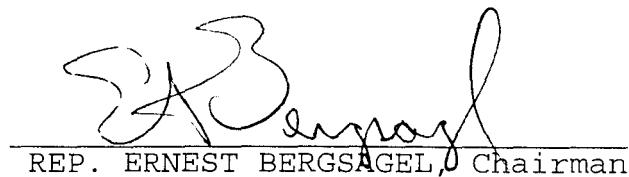
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Warden Mahoney discussed the classification system and its relationship to housing placement and addressed the issue of

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45



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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.

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capacity limits. **EXHIBIT 9** Questions were asked. MSP Prison expansion vs. contracting with private prisons was debated. **Mr. Day** spoke.

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Discussion took place regarding funding various MSP projects in phases. **Warden Mahoney** and **Mr. Jim Whaley**, Dept of Admin. A & E Division, spoke. **Mr. Bob Anderson** spoke.

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