

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM BECK**, on March 7, 1997, at 12:00 p.m., in Room 319.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Thomas A. "Tom" Beck, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Lorents Grosfield (R)  
Sen. Don Hargrove (R)  
Sen. Arnie Mohl (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Gerry Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jodi Jones, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None  
Executive Action: EQC Appointments

#### HEARING ON EQC APPOINTMENTS

**CHAIRMAN TOM BECK** said the Environmental Quality Council has to be appointed by the 50th day of the legislature. These members can only serve 6 years. **SENATOR STEVE DOHERTY'S** term is up and **SENATOR JEFF WELDON** was not re-elected and they both have to be replaced. The three Republicans are still eligible for another term and they want to stay on the council. It has been suggested **SENATOR DOHERTY** be replaced with **SENATOR BEA MCCARTHY**.

**CHAIRMAN BECK** said **Jerry Noble's** term is up also, he is the citizen chair and this appointment comes from the President of the Senate. A recommendation was made to have **Bill Snoddy, 7-Up Pete Joint Venture** replace **Jerry Noble**.

**SENATOR LORENTS GROSFIELD** said **Bill Snoddy** deals with the government affairs for **7-Up Pete Joint Venture**. He is a geologist and this will be very helpful to have someone with a science background on the council.

CHAIRMAN BECK asked if Greg Tollefson was doing a good job for the committee as SENATOR MIKE HALLIGAN would like to keep him on the board. SENATOR GROSFIELD said he was doing a good job.

CHAIRMAN BECK said the names will be given to the House and they will make their appointments. He also said the Governor will have to appoint a new representative. SENATOR GROSFIELD said there is a new Natural Resource person in the Governors office.

CHAIRMAN BECK said he would get each member an interim directory to start making appointments for the next interim. EQC is one of the few committees that have term limits. He discussed the Finance Committee and SENATOR CHUCK SWYSGOOD and SENATOR BECK are interested in being on the committee.

CHAIRMAN BECK discussed Legislative Council. He said SENATOR EVE FRANKLIN was going to be put on in place of SENATOR J.D. LYNCH. However, SENATOR FRANKLIN wanted to stay on the finance committee so SENATOR DOROTHY ECK said she would do it. The committee agreed to this assignment.

CHAIRMAN BECK said one of the biggest problems with filling the interim committees is finding a committee for every Republican and the Democrats will have to serve on more than one committee.

CHAIRMAN BECK said SENATOR GARY FORRESTER would have to be replaced on the Legislative Consumer Committee. SENATOR J.D. LYNCH would like to have this position. However, REPRESENTATIVE JOE QUILICI is on the board also and this would put two people from Butte.

SENATOR ARNIE MOHL said he would like to get on the Corrections Committee.

CHAIRMAN BECK said an appointment needs to be made to the Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission. SENATOR BEA MCCARTHY was interested in doing this. SENATOR GROSFIELD asked who appointed the citizen members on the commission. CHAIRMAN BECK said he didn't know for sure.

SENATOR GROSFIELD said he had a concern with the appointments of SENATOR BEA MCCARTHY and that she might be overwhelmed with being on the EQC board and the Compact Commission. CHAIRMAN BECK said SENATOR MCCARTHY would rather be on the Compact Commission but felt she could do both as there really isn't any other Democrats to choose from.

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON EQC Appointments

#### Motion/Vote:

SENATOR GROSFIELD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE EQC APPOINTMENTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

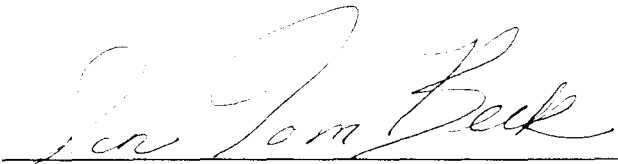
The following people have been appointed: **PRESIDENT AKLESTAD'S** recommendation: **Bill Snoddy, 7-up Pete Joint Venture.** The other citizen member is **Gregory Tollefson** recommended by **SENATOR HALLIGAN.**

The Democrats recommended: **SENATOR BEA MCCARTHY, SENATOR VIVIAN BROOKE, SENATOR BILL WILSON.**

The Republicans recommended: **SENATOR LORENTS GROSFIELD, SENATOR KEN MESAROS, SENATOR BILL CRISMORE.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:20 p.m.

  
SEN. THOMAS A. "TOM" BECK, Chairman

  
JODI JONES, Secretary

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