

SENATE BILL NO. 306

Introduced: 01/27/83

Referred to Committee on Business & industry: 01/27/83

Hearing: 2/9/83

Report: 2/16/83, Do Not Pass. Report Adopted.

On Motion, 2/17/83, That The Bill Be Reconsidered.

Motion Failed.

Bill Killed.

1 *Senate* BILL NO. *306*
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SPECIFICALLY *Don*
 5 AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ORDER AN *Molan Berg*
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 6 INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF A PUBLIC UTILITY; PROVIDING THAT THE *LANE*
 7 COST OF AN AUDIT SHALL BE BORNE BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY; AND
 8 AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION TO COMPEL THE PRODUCTION OF
 9 INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR SUCH AUDIT."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Independent audit. (1) The commission may
 13 order an independent audit of a public utility, to be paid
 14 for by the utility, if the commission considers an audit to
 15 be necessary to the performance of its regulatory duties.

16 (2) For the purposes of conducting an audit pursuant
 17 to subsection (1), the commission may require, by order or
 18 subpoena, the production within this state of any:

- 19 (a) books;
 20 (b) accounts;
 21 (c) papers;
 22 (d) records;
 23 (e) verified copies of the material listed in
 24 subsections (2)(a) through (2)(d); or
 25 (f) any other pertinent information, including

1 information pertaining to the method used by the utility in
 2 collecting requested information.

3 (3) An order or subpoena issued pursuant to subsection
 4 (2) must be served in the same manner as a summons in a
 5 civil action in district court.

6 (4) This section applies to information kept by a
 7 utility in any office or place within or without the state.

8 (5) The audit may be conducted by the commission or
 9 under its direction by an independent accountant acceptable
 10 to the commission.

11 Section 2. Codification instruction. Section 1 is
 12 intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 69,
 13 chapter 3, part 1, and the provisions of Title 69, chapter
 14 3, apply to section 1.

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