

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
52nd LEGISLATURE - 1st SPECIAL SESSION**

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BERV KIMBERLEY, on January 7, 1992,
at 7:30 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Berv Kimberley, Chair (D)
Sen. Esther Bengtson, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Gerry Devlin (R)
Rep. Ed Grady (R)
Rep. Jerry Nisbet (D)
Sen. Cecil Weeding (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Roger Lloyd, Associate Fiscal Analyst (LFA)
Terri Perrigo, Associate Fiscal Analyst (LFA)
Carl Schweitzer, Budget Analyst (OBPP)
Bill Mandeville, Budget Analyst (OBPP)
Theda Rossberg, Secretary

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

Announcements/Discussion:

HEARING - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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**Chuck Brooke, Director, Department of Commerce reviewed the
proposed budget cuts with the committee. FY93 cuts of 5% would
be \$145,000 and FY93 proposed cuts of 8% would be \$230,933.
EXHIBIT 1.**

**Sen. Devlin said in the Business Development division you have
certified 44 communities. How many are left?**

Mr. Brooke answered, about 12.

**Mr. Brooke said we train commissioners to go out to recruit new
business in the counties. We can help to find different business
locations etc. We also provide business locations for certified
commissioners.**

Mr. Brooke said, weights and measures is a low priority. However, we have over 200,000 miles we have to service. We will delay purchasing a 1/2 ton and 3/4 ton pickup for a total of \$24,353.

Rep. Devlin said, how many miles are on the 3/4 ton pickup?

Mr. Campbell said, there is over 150,000 miles on each vehicle.

Rep. Grady said, how much would one vehicle cost?

Mr. Campbell said, about \$11,500 for a 3/4 ton.

Mr. Brooke said, the budget review meets your target for 5% and 8% . The impact is \$2 million for coal board and we have 2.5 million general fund. I hope you will consider these proposals to the full appropriations committee and you will support these budget cuts.

EXECUTIVE ACTION DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Motion/Vote: Sen. Weeding moved to support the suggested budget cuts that Mr. Brooke outlined.

Discussion:

Sen. Devlin said, I would like to give this department a vehicle.

Substitute Motion: Rep. Grady said, I move to reduce Item 8, Weights & Measures by only \$9,353 leaving \$15,000 to purchase one vehicle. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 1 (Sen. Bengtson Voting "no").

Rep. Nisbet said, is that enough?

Mr. Brooke answered, \$15,000 should be enough to purchase the new truck.

Ms. Perrigo said, in Item 6, Business Development, eliminating certified communities program for \$34,100 for FY92 and \$54,413 in FY93. It would eliminate the funding but not the FTE.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Nisbet moved to approve the language change for Item 6, Business Development which currently reads: "The department must transfer to the general fund from the coal impact account \$500,000 in FY1991 and \$1,500,000 in FY1992". The LFA and budget office were directed to work together to develop language directing the department to retain \$500,000 in FY92 and \$1,500,000 in FY93 in the local impact account for reversion to the school equalization account at the end of the biennium. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. EXHIBIT 2.

Discussion:

Sen. Devlin asked, does everyone understand what happened?

Ms. Perrigo said the revised language would be put in the bill.

Mr. Mandeville said, with the language in the Business Development Division you can retain the FTE.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:10 A.M.



BERV KIMBERLEY, Chair



THEDA ROSSBERG, Secretary

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

ROLL CALL ~~VOICE~~

DATE 2/7/91 BILL NO. _____ NUMBER _____

MOTION: Dept of Commerce

NAME	AYE	NO
SEN. ESTHER BENGTON, VICE-CHAIR	✓	
REP. ED GRADY	✓	
REP. JERRY NISBET	✓	
SEN. GERRY DEVLIN	✓	
SEN. CECIL WEEDING	✓	
REP. "BERV" KIMBERLEY, CHAIRMAN	✓	

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE

DATE JAN -7- 1992 BILL NO. _____ NUMBER _____

MOTION: By Rep Grady to leave \$15,000 in the
Weights + Measures Div. to purchase one
plu truck.

NAME	AYE	NO
SEN. ESTHER BENGTON, VICE-CHAIR		✓
REP. ED GRADY	✓	
REP. JERRY NISBET	✓	
SEN. GERRY DEVLIN	✓	
SEN. CECIL WEEDING	✓	
REP. "BERV" KIMBERLEY, CHAIRMAN	✓	

5-1 Bengton "No"

1-7-92

EXHIBIT 1.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 GENERAL FUND
 PROPOSED 5% (FY92) AND 8% (FY93) CUT

PROGRAM	FY 92	FY 93	COMMENTS
1 LEWIS & CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER	(56,000)	0	REDUCE APPROPRIATION BY 8%. PRIVATE SECTOR WILL HAVE TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION.
2 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY VACANY SAVINGS	(40,000)	0	TWO INVESTMENT OFFICER POSITION NOT FILLED FOR A HALF YEAR.
3 "GENERAL OPERATING REDUCTIONS"			
WEIGHTS & MEASURES	(4,000)	(2,500)	BUDGETS ARE EXTREMELY LEAN. THE DEPARTMENT WILL DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF EACH DIVISION TO FIND THE SAVINGS.
LGS - AUDIT	(3,000)	(3,000)	
LGS - SYSTEMS	(3,000)	(3,000)	
INDIAN AFFAIRS	(2,000)	(2,000)	
4 ORIS EQUIPMENT	0	(12,000)	NOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE 1990 CENSUS INCLUDING LIBRARY SHELVING, PORTABLE COMPUTER & MICROFICHE PRINTER.
5 ORIS COUNTY PROFILES	(5,000)	(15,000)	ELIMINATE PRINTING OF COUNTY PROFILES.
6 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	(34,100)	(54,413)	ELIMINATE CERTIFIED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM. PROGRAM PROVIDES BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO 44 COMMUNITIES.
7 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SCIENCE PLAN	(37,794)	(75,000)	MAJOR REDUCTIONS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCIENCE PLAN.
8 WEIGHTS & MEASURES EQUIPMENT REDUCTION	0	(24,353)	NOT PURCHASE A 1/2 & 3/4 TON PICKUP. PROJECTED MILEAGE FOR TRUCKS & VEHICLES IS IN EXCESS OF 150,000 MILES EACH.
TOTAL	(184,894)	(191,266)	
TOTAL BOTH YEARS	(376,160)		

300,000
300,000
300,000
300,000

376,160
-15,000

50,000
326,160

1-7-92

EXHIBIT 2

LANGUAGE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1. The department must transfer to the general fund from the local impact account \$500,000 in fiscal 1992 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal 1993.

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