

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND
COMMERCE**

Call to Order: By **Rep. JOE TROPILA**, on January 13, 1999 at 8:07
A.M., in Room 201 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Tom Keating, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. William Crismore (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Rep. John Witt, Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Summer Alger, Committee Secretary
Roger Lloyd, Legislative Branch
Doug Schmitz, OBPP

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET, 1/13/1999
Executive Action: HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET

DNRC Presentation:

Centralized Services Division

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.4 - 7.3}

Conservation and Resource Development Division

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.3 - 26.7}

Water Resources Division

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Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.1}*

Oil and Gas Conservation Division

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.1 - 28.1}

Tom Richmond, Division Administrator, gave a presentation, and stated that this division is attached to the DNRC for administrative purposes only.

Break *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.1}*

HEARING ON HB 2 - DNRC - TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Discussion commenced on the difference in General Fund numbers on the Present Law Adjustments table on **C-133** of the Legislative Budget Analysis 2001 Biennium: Agency Budgets, Vol. 1, January 1999, LFD. The discussion then turned to the Program Proposed Budget chart on **C-132** of the LBA 2001 budget book.

**The Legislative Budget Analysis (LBA) 2001 budget book will not be referred to as an exhibit, however, budget information from other sources will be noted as exhibits.*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET - TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

New Proposals:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.9 → Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.8}

DP 15

Motion/Vote: SEN. CRISMORE moved that DP 15 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by REP. TROPILA.

Discussion: *{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.2}*

Vote: Motion carried 3-2 with Nelson and Keating voting no.

DP 411

Motion: SEN. CRISMORE moved that DP 411 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by REP. HAINES.

Discussion: *{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.1}*

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VOTE: Motion carried 3-2 with Nelson and Tropila voting no.

DP 413

Motion: SEN. NELSON moved that DP 413 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by
SEN. KEATING.

Discussion: {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5}

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON HB 2 - DNRC - CENTRALIZED SERVICES

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.8 → Tape : 3; Side
: B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.2}*

Ann Bauchman gave an overview of the division, which included a quick overview of requests.

Sen. Keating had questions on the information on the bottom of **C-138** and top of **C-139** in the LFD 2001 budget book, to which **Ms. Bauchman** replied. **Sen. Keating** then asked her why central services are funded by the general fund instead of proprietary monies. **Roger Lloyd** gave his comments, also.

Ann Bauchman began the discussion of the budget requests with DP 16 moved on through DP 2103, DP 2104, DP 2105, DP 2106 and finished up with new proposals. At this point, **Ms. Bauchman** handed out a packet on central services.

EXHIBIT (jnh00a01)

Roger Lloyd gave his comments on DP 11, **Sen. Keating** and **Rep. Haines** discussed it also, and then the committee moved on to the Oil and Gas Division.

HEARING ON HB 2 - DNRC - OIL AND GAS DIVISION

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.8 → Tape : 4; Side
: B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.2}*

Roger Lloyd gave a brief overview of the division and **Tom Richmond, Administrator of Oil and Gas Div, DNRC**, gave an overview of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation. **Mr. Richmond** handed out the 1997 Annual Review and proceeded with his overview of the division.

EXHIBIT (jnh00a02)

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Mr. Richmond gave handouts to the committee on what the Risk Based Data Management System could do: MT Board of Oil & Gas - Permits processed, by type; and MT Board of Oil & Gas - Completions, by type.

EXHIBIT(jnh00a03) & **EXHIBIT(jnh00a04)**, respectively.

Sen. Keating and **Rep. Haines** had a question and answer session with **Tom Richmond**, followed by discussion of requested present law adjustments: DP 2202, DP 2203, DP 2205, DP 2206, DP 2207, and DP 2208. New proposal, DP 19, was also reviewed before adjournment.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:48 A.M.

REP. JOHN WITT, Chairman

SUMMER ALGER, Secretary

JW/SA

EXHIBIT (jnh00aad)