

MINUTES

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

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

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN WITT**, on January 25, 1999 at
8:05 A.M., in Room 201 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Summer Alger, Committee Secretary
Roger Lloyd, Legislative Branch
Shirley Moore, OBPP
Bob Tallerico, Legislative Branch
Doug Schmitz, OBPP

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearings: HB 2 - Dept. of Livestock Budget
 HB 2 - Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Executive Action: HB 2 - Dept. of Livestock Budget

**HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK BUDGET - DISEASE CONTROL
PROGRAM**

DP 35

Bob Tallerico discussed this decision package with reference to

Table 3 on page **C-106** and page **C-107** of the Legislative Budget

Analysis 2001 Biennium: Agency Budgets, Vol. 1, January 1999, LFD
and to the amended departmental requests.

**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 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK BUDGET - DISEASE
CONTROL PROGRAM**

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Motion/Vote: REP. HAINES moved that DP 35 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED
BY DEPARTMENT (DROP 1 FTE ~ FY00 \$402,807 AND FY01 \$403,127) AS
ONE-TIME-ONLY AND RESTRICTED. SECONDED by SEN. NELSON. Motion
carried unanimously.

Sen. Keating asked about the source of funding for DP 35 and
George Harris replied. Mr. Harris also passed out a letter to the
Governor of Montana from the Secretary of the US Department of
Agriculture regarding the Animal and Plant Health Inspection
Service (APHIS).

EXHIBIT (jnh19a01)

HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK - MILK & EGG PROGRAM

George Harris commented on this program, located on pages **C-108**
and **C-109** of the LBA 2001 budget book, then moved into discussion
of the budget requests.

DP 17, DP 37, & DP 38

Bob Tallerico commented on the LFD Issues. Mr. Harris discussed
the \$.1495 milk tax on producers and Federal funds, then Kenneth
Lee, D.M.V., commented on decreased Federal funding. Doug Schmitz
commented also.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK BUDGET - MILK &
EGG PROGRAM**

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Motion/Vote: SEN. CRISMORE moved that DP 17, DP 37, DP 38 BE
ADOPTED. SECONDED by REP. HAINES. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK BUDGET - INSPECTION &
CONTROL PROGRAM**

DP 1

Bob Tallerico commented on the LFD Issue concerning this decision package.

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& CONTROL PROGRAM

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Motion/Vote: REP. HAINES moved that DP 1 (ALL STATE SPECIAL REVENUE) BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by REP. HAINES. Motion carried unanimously.

DP 40

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& CONTROL PROGRAM

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.4}

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 40 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. CRISMORE. Motion carried unanimously.

DP 43

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& CONTROL PROGRAM

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6}

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON moved that DP 43 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. KEATING. Motion carried unanimously.

DP 44

Rep. Haines, Sen. Crismore, and Chairman Witt had questions on this decision package which were answered by **Marc Bridges**.

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& CONTROL PROGRAM

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Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 44 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. CRISMORE. Motion carried unanimously.

DP 14 & DP 27

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& CONTROL PROGRAM

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Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 14 & DP 27 BE ADOPTED BOTH AS ONE-TIME-ONLY AND RESTRICTED. SECONDED by REP. TROPILA. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK BUDGET - PREDATOR CONTROL

DP 21

George Harris commented that this decision package is funded entirely by State Special Revenue, and **Bob Tallerico** discussed the LFD Issues. **Sen. Keating** asked about the empty slot and **Rep. Tropila** asked if there is any Federal and/or grant funding.

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& CONTROL PROGRAM

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Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 21 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. NELSON. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK BUDGET - MEAT/POULTRY
INSPECTION

Marc Bridges introduced the bureau chiefs then went into discussion of the decision packages.

Present Law Adjustments:

DP 20

Rep. Tropila inquired about disease scares and was responded to by **Carol Ulm**. She also replied to **Chairman Witt's** question on the inspection of Canadian products. **Rep. Haines** asked about the matching with general fund agreement and **Sen. Keating** asked if any unused Federal or general fund monies are reverted.

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MEAT/POULTRY INSPECTION

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Motion/Vote: REP. TROPILA moved that DP 20 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. CRISMORE. Motion carried unanimously.

DP 41 & DP 48

Chairman Witt asked about the base of the program, and Bob Tallerico commented in the LFD Issue. Sen. Keating then asked if the cost was part of the match with Federal funds, and Sen. Crismore inquired about the vehicles also.

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MEAT/POULTRY INSPECTION

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.6}

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 41 BE ADOPTED AS ONE-TIME-ONLY AND RESTRICTED & that DP 48 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by CHAIRMAN WITT. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Witt inquired again about leasing versus owning.

New Proposals:

DP 19

George Harris and Carol Ulm commented on this decision package, as did Dr. Kenneth Lee. Chairman Witt questioned the 25:75 funding split and Sen. Keating asked why it doubles over the biennium. Sen. Keating then asked Dr. Lee what the specific benefit would be to Montana with automation. Sen. Nelson moved DP 19 then withdrew her motion after hearing Mr. Tallerico's LFD Issue. Chairman Witt recommended not to approve this decision package and Sen. Crismore asked why not. Ms. Ulm responded to attempts to (re)negotiate with for Federal funds and Sen. Nelson asked if they could (re)negotiate at a lower level. Sen. Keating then asked a couple final questions on changes in general funding over the biennium.

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MEAT/POULTRY INSPECTION

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Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 19 BE ADOPTED WITH ADJUSTMENTS OF \$29,600 (GENERAL FUND) EACH IN FY00 AND \$40,000 (GENERAL FUND) EACH IN FY01. SECONDED by SEN. CRISMORE. Motion carried 4-2 with Tropila and Witt voting no.

HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK BUDGET - MILK CONTROL BUREAU

DP 23

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK BUDGET - MILK CONTROL BUREAU

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Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 23 BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by REP. TROPILA. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed the DNRC section of the meeting.

Chairman Witt discussed what had been done so far in the committee, then **Sen. Crismore** commented that the committee must look at them as a business and help them to grow, but not to go overboard with general fund. **Rep. Tropila** asked about areas to look at, while **Sen. Nelson** expounded a bit on FTE's. **Chairman Witt** commented on the tobacco settlement and **Sen. Keating**, along with **Rep. Haines**, agreed.

Rep. Haines questioned the proceedings of reopening the DNRC budget, while **Sen. Keating** commented that the committee actually cut the general fund in DNRC ~\$300,000, but increased state special. He also had a general fund growth concern in the Department of Livestock budget.

Rep. Tropila asked **Doug Schmitz** how this committee's budget compared with the Governor's budget. **Chairman Witt** then asked for general fund numbers, and found that the largest general fund request approved for the DNRC was for funding changes.

Chairman Witt inquired about SB 48 and SB 49, followed by comments from **Sen. Keating**. **Rep. Haines** also asked about State temp personnel versus Federal temp personnel.

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**HEARING ON HB 2 - DEPT. OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS BUDGET -
GENERAL OVERVIEW**

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: A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.6}**

Pat Graham, Director, FW&P, handed out an organizational chart of FW&P to the committee, then proceeded to give the overview presentation.

EXHIBIT (jnh19a02)

He then passed out a packet on the Major Accomplishments of the agency, and copies of the 1998 Annual Report; Hunter Behavior Advisory Council: Final Recommendations, December 1998; Governor's Advisory Council on Private Land/Public Wildlife: Report and Recommendations to the Governor, January 1999; and Preference 2001 Advisory Committee: Final Recommendations, January 1999.

EXHIBIT (jnh19a03), EXHIBIT (jnh19a04), EXHIBIT (jnh19a05), EXHIBIT (jnh19a06), and EXHIBIT (jnh19a07), respectively.

Rep. Tropila inquired about the budget that contains the print shop, then **Director Graham** continued with the overview presentation. **Sen. Keating** asked the reason for the decline in revenues, and **Chairman Witt** asked if the reduction on expenditures is due to increased conservation easements. The agency, then handed out a sheet on Efforts to Conserve State Licence Dollars.

EXHIBIT (jnh19a08)

Director Graham concluded the presentation with present law base adjustments, legislative contract authority, and other budget adjustments.

Roger Lloyd commented on the Agency Proposed Budget table and Chart 1 on page **C-1**, and Table 1 on page **C-2** of the LBA 2001 budget book. **Sen. Keating** asked to hear FW&P's definition of capital expenses. **Mr. Lloyd** then commented on Table 2 and the New Proposals table on page **C-3** of the LBA 2001 budget book. **Sen. Keating** asked about federal increases and legislative contract authority, while **Mr. Lloyd** moved on through pages **C-4** (agency issues), **C-5** (general license account), and **C-6** (options for possible fee decreases). **Director Graham** commented, while **Mr. Lloyd** passed out a sheet on the Subcommittee Hearing Order for Dept. of FW&P.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:32 A.M.

REP. JOHN WITT, Chairman

SUMMER ALGER, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (jnh19aad)