

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on March 9, 1999 at 8:00
A.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. John Cobb (R)

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed. The minutes were
recorded on a Sony BI-85 recorder, references are measured
in inches rather than minutes.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 23, SB 46, SB 170, SB 333,
SB 349, HB 613, HB 562
2/23/1999

Executive Action: HB 79

HEARING ON SB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Fred Thomas, SD 31, presented SB 23. **EXHIBIT** (aph53a01)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18 - 105}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mark Berry, State Fund **EXHIBIT** (aph53a02)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 105 - 259}

Carroll South, Board of Investments **EXHIBIT** (aph53a03)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 259 - 418}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 418 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 123}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 123 - 176}

HEARING ON SB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood, SD 17, presented **EXHIBIT** (aph53a04)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 176 - 237}

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

Russell Hill, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana State Auditor Office
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 237 - 365}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 365 - Tape : 2; Side
: A; Approx. Time Counter : 67}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 67 - 92}

HEARING ON SB 333

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood, SD 17, presented **EXHIBIT** (aph53a05)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 92 - ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph53a06)}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Currie, Department of Transportation (DOT)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 178 - 315}

Vern Petersen, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 315 - 386}

Sam Gianfrancisco, Montana Association of Road Supervisors
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 386 - 401}

Eric Griffin, Lewis and Clark Public Works, County Commissioners
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 401 - 415}

Jane Jelinski, MACo
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 415 - 434}

Jim Kembel, Montana Technical Council
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 434 - 443}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None. **EXHIBIT** (aph53a07)
Exhibit 7 was received after the hearing without testimony.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 443 - Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 268}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 268 - 363}

HEARING ON SB 170

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mike Taylor, SD 37, presented SB 170.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 363 - 426}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Edgcomb, Department of Commerce **EXHIBIT** (aph53a08)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 48 - 128}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 128 - 140}

HEARING ON SB 349

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. B. F. "Chris" Christiaens, SD 23, presented SB 349.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 140 ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph53a09)}

Proponents' Testimony:

Maureen Rude, Board of Housing

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 194 - 234}

Mick Robinson, Governor's Office

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 234 - 259}

Kelly Pollington, Montana People's Action (MPA)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 259 - 272}

Craig Sweet, Montana, PIRG

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 272 - 321}

Bob Liston, Coalition of Montanans Concerned with Disabilities

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 321 - 384}

Mary Bouchard, MPA

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 384 - 400}

Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 419}

Glenn Johnson, Habitat for Humanity

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 419 - 435}

Byron Roberts, Montana Building Industry

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 435 - 498}

Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 498 - Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16}

Ellen Engstedt, Human Resource Development Councils
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 28}

Sen. John Bohlinger, SD 7
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28 - 50}

Rhonda Carpenter, Montana Housing Providers
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 50 - 84}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 84 - 369}

Closing by Sponsor:
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 369 - 458}

HEARING ON HB 613

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
Rep. Jeff Mangan, Hd 45, presented HB 613.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 458 - Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 65}

Proponents' Testimony:
Nancy Walker, Voice Against Tobacco **EXHIBIT**(aph53a10)
{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 65 - 280}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:
Art Dickhoff, American Cancer Society **EXHIBIT**(aph53a11)
{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 280 - 293}

Nancy Ellery, Department of Health and Human Services
{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 293 - 314}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 314 - 328}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 328 - 367}

HEARING ON HB 562

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Rosalie "Rosie" Buzzas, HD 65, presented HB 562.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 367 - 456}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Frazier, University of Montana

EXHIBIT(aph53a12)

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 456 - Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22}

Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 55}

Terry Minow, MFSE/MFT

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 55 - 64}

Sheila Stearns, Chancellor's Office, Western Montana College

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 64 - 86}

Pat Flowers, Missoula

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 86 - 144}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

Rep. Dick Haines, HD 63

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 144 - 182}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 182 - 353; Comments : Chairman Zook commented on the bill prior to the question/answer period.}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 353 - 415}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 79 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 79 BE AMENDED **EXHIBIT** (aph53a13)

Discussion:

*{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 415 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 155}*

Vote: Motion carried 11-4 with Buzzas, Johnson, Tropila, and Witt voting no.

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 79 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

{Tape : 5; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 155 - 395}

Vote: Motion carried 11-7 by Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:10 P.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph53aad)