

**HOUSE JOURNAL
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY**

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House Chambers
State Capitol

House convened at 12:00 p.m. Mr. Speaker in the Chair. Invocation by Gertie Heavy Runner, mother of George Heavy Runner. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. All members present except Representatives Ahner, Brown, and Ohs. Quorum present.

The Chorale from Custer County District High School in Miles City, Montana performed "My God is So High" under the direction of Terry Annalora. They are one of five choirs from the northwest United States on their way to perform at the Northwest Music Educators Conference in Portland, Oregon on Sunday.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

BILLS (Rehbein, Chairman):

2/10/1999

Correctly printed: **HB 269, HB 275, HB 340, HB 374, HB 399, HJR 13, HJR 14.**

Correctly engrossed: **HB 334, HB 430, HJR 15, SB 11, SB 21, SB 77.**

Correctly enrolled: **HB 55.**

Examined by the sponsor and found to be correct: **HB 55.**

AGRICULTURE (Barnett, Chairman):2/10/1999

SB 9, be concurred in. Report adopted.

SB 171, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 21.

Following: "hunting"

Insert: "or taking or attempting to take nongame wildlife or predatory animals"

2. Page 1, line 22 through line 23.

Strike: "IN" on line 22 through "LICENSE" on line 23

And, as amended, be concurred in. Report adopted.

APPROPRIATIONS (Zook, Chairman):

2/10/1999

HB 414, do pass. Report adopted.

FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS (Wagner, Chairman):

2/10/1999

HB 387, introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 5.

Following: "CONTROLS"

Strike: "A NATURAL"

Insert: "AN ARTIFICIAL"

Following: "POND"

Strike: "THAT IS LOCATED ENTIRELY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY"

Insert: "OR A PRIVATE FISH POND"

2. Title, line 6.

Following: "MET;"

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Insert: "REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "ARTIFICIAL LAKE OR POND" TO INCLUDE A PRIVATE FISH POND;"

3. Page 1, lines 13 and line 14.

Following: "pond" on line 13

Strike: remainder of line 13 through "property" on line 14

Insert: "or a private fish pond"

4. Page 1, line 23.

Following: "(2)"

Insert: "(a)"

Following: "pond"

Insert: "or "private fish pond"

5. Page 1, line 23 through page 1, line 26.

Following: "section,"

Strike: remainder of line 23 through "area." on line 26

Insert: "means a body of water that is:

(i) created by artificial means or by a diversion of water that does not exceed 500 acres in surface area; or

(ii) an instream pond that does not exceed 500 acres with a tributary spring or stream that does not support game fish or fish species of special concern; and

(iii) not determined by the department to pose an unacceptable risk to game fish or fish species of special concern in adjacent waters.

(b) The term does not include all other natural ponds or bodies of water, including streams or rivers and impoundments or reservoirs of or on a natural stream, river, lake, or pond.

(3) An applicant for licensing of an instream private fish pond shall present to the department verification that game fish or fish species of special concern do not occur in the tributary, spring, or stream and that the instream private fish pond does not pose an unacceptable risk to game fish or fish species of special concern in adjacent waters. Verification must be in the form of:

(a) a formal report from a department-approved professional fisheries consultant; or

(b) other reliable data and documentation."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

6. Page 1, lines 28 and 29.

Following: "pond" on line 28

Strike: remainder of line 28 through "property" on line 29

7. Page 2, lines 8 and 9.

Following: "pond" on line 8

Strike: remainder of line 8 through "property" on line 9

And, as amended, do pass. Report adopted.

HB 398, introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 9.

Following: "ACQUIRE"

Insert: ", BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN A WILLING SELLER AND WILLING BUYER,"

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2. Title, line 11.

Following: "DATE"

Insert: "AND A TERMINATION DATE"

3. Page 1, line 30.

Following: "lands"

Strike: "for recreational purposes"

4. Page 3, line 13.

Following: "acquire"

Insert: ", by agreement between a willing seller and willing buyer,"

5. Page 4, line 10.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 6. Termination. [This act] terminates July 1, 2004."

And, as amended, do pass. Report adopted.

HB 435, do pass. Report adopted.

JUDICIARY (Clark, Chairman):

2/9/1999

HB 407, introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Title, page 1, line 5.

Following: "LIMITING"

Insert: ", UNTIL RELATED RULES ARE PROMULGATED,"

2. Title, line 9.

Strike: "AN IMMEDIATE"

Strike: "DATE"

Insert: "DATES"

3. Page 2, line 8.

Strike: "In"

Insert: "Except as provided in subsection (7) and until the supreme court promulgates and updates rules of procedure for water court review on its own motion of a statement of claim or settlement agreement between adverse parties, in"

4. Page 2, line 12.

Following: "85-2-233." on line 12

Insert: "(7) When a statement of claim or claims for an existing water right previously decreed by a district court exceeds the previously decreed flow rate and if the claim or claims are not the subject of a filed objection, the water judge may proceed with setting a hearing on all these claims for resolution of the decree exceedence. All relevant claimants, as determined by the water judge, shall resolve the decree exceedence through agreement, stipulation, or the hearing process before the judge may issue a decision that adjudicates the claim or claims."

5. Page 2, line 26.

Strike: "After"

Insert: "In matters concerning the determination and interpretation of existing water rights, after"

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Following: the second "decree"

Insert: "and until the supreme court promulgates rules of procedure related to postdecree department assistance to the water court"

6. Page 3, line 7.

Following: "files"

Insert: "and pursues"

7. Page 3.

Following: line 15

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 5. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications."

Renumber: subsequent section

8. Page 3, line 16.

Strike: "date"

Insert: "dates"

Strike: "[This"

Insert: "(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this"

9. Page 3, line 17.

Insert: "(2) The amendment contained in 85-2-231(2)(a)(iv), 85-2-231(6), and [section 2], amending 85-2-243, are effective on January 1, 2000."

And, as amended, do pass. Report adopted.

STATE ADMINISTRATION (Brainard, Chairman):
HB 258, introduced bill, be amended as follows:

2/9/1999

1. Title, page 1, line 5.

Following: " ; "

Insert: "PROVIDING A CONTINGENT VOIDNESS PROVISION;"

2. Page 1, line 11.

Strike: "\$30,000"

Insert: "\$50,000"

3. Page 1.

Following: line 12

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 2. Contingent voidness. If there are no social security contribution account reversions to the state general fund under 19-1-602(4), then [this act] is void."

Renumber: subsequent section

And, as amended, do pass. Report adopted.

HB 274, do pass. Report adopted.

HB 349, do pass. Report adopted.

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STATE/FEDERAL RELATIONS (Curtiss, Chairman):

2/10/1999

HB 173, do pass. Report adopted.

HJR 17, introduced joint resolution, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 18.

Strike: "Colombia"

Insert: "Columbia"

And, as amended, be adopted. Report adopted.

TAXATION (Hibbard, Chairman):

2/9/1999

HB 128, introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Title, page 1, line 6.

Strike: "4"

Insert: "3.75"

2. Title, page 1, line 10.

Following: "COOPERATIVES"

Insert: "AND RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES"

3. Page 3, line 27.

Strike: "the sale of prepaid telephone calling cards"

Insert: "charges for telecommunications services that have been prepaid by a prepaid calling card that enables the origination of calls by using an access number or authorization code"

4. Page 4, line 7.

Strike: "4%"

Insert: "3.75%"

5. Page 4, line 29.

Following: "cooperatives"

Insert: "and rural electric cooperatives"

6. Page 4, line 30.

Following: "cooperatives"

Insert: "or rural electric cooperatives"

7. Page 9, line 5.

Following: "RR ="

Insert: "("

8. Page 9, line 6.

Following: "ML3)"

Insert: ")"

9. Page 9, line 21.

Following: "19]."

Insert: "Within 90 days after the close of the calendar quarter, the department shall remit to each county treasurer

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the reimbursement amount calculated in this subsection (4)."

Strike: "tax year reimbursed"

Insert: "reimbursement "

10. Page 14, line 4.

Strike: "county"

Insert: "city or town"

11. Page 14, line 30.

Strike: "county"

Insert: "city or town"

12. Page 17, line 9.

Strike: "county"

Insert: "city or town"

13. Page 18, line 27.

Strike: "800 persons"

Insert: "1,200 permanent residents"

14. Page 26, line 25.

Strike: "45(1)"

Insert: "44(1)"

15. Page 27, line 5.

Strike: "[LC 540]"

Insert: "House Bill No. 191"

And, as amended, do pass. Report adopted.

HB 191, introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Title, page 1, line 5.

Strike: "4"

Insert: "3.75"

2. Page 1, line 11.

Strike: "4%"

Insert: "3.75%"

3. Page 1, line 16.

Strike: "as provided in Title 13, chapter 1, MCA,"

4. Page 1, line 19.

Strike: "4%"

Insert: "3.75%"

5. Page 1, line 21.

Strike: "4%"

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Insert: "3.75%"

6. Page 1, line 27.

Strike: "_ Bill No. [LC 382]"

Insert: "House Bill No. 128"

And, as amended, do pass. Report adopted.

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HB 418, do pass. Report adopted.

HB 479, do pass. Report adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Senate bills passed and transmitted to the House for concurrence:

2/9/1999

SB 103, introduced by Franklin

SB 107, introduced by Mahlum

SB 186, introduced by Wells

SB 258, introduced by Grimes

SB 289, introduced by Doherty

SB 304, introduced by Hargrove

SB 319, introduced by Holden

SB 326, introduced by Tester

Senate joint resolutions passed and transmitted to the House for concurrence:

2/9/1999

SJR 5, introduced by Tester

SJR 7, introduced by Bohlinger

House bill concurred in and returned to the House:

2/9/1999

HB 55, introduced by Peck

FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS

The following House bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

HB 576, introduced by D. Adams, S. Bartlett, P. Bergsagel, L. Grosfield, M. McCann, J. Wells, referred to Judiciary.

HB 577, introduced by B. Story, T. Beck, P. Clark, M. Hanson, J. Holden, G. Jergeson, R. Lenhart, M. Lindeen, K. Mesaros, S. Rose, B. Tash, referred to Agriculture.

HB 578, introduced by S. Anderson, M. Halligan, referred to State Administration.

HB 579, introduced by P. Sliter, referred to Local Government.

HB 580, introduced by T. Schmidt, E. Franklin, referred to Human Services.

HB 581, introduced by J. Cobb, referred to Business and Labor.

HB 582, introduced by B. Story, referred to Taxation.

HB 583, introduced by B. Thomas, S. Bartlett, P. Bergsagel, B. Crippen, S. Doherty, A. Ellis, D. Haines, M. Hanson, J. Harp, H. Harper, D. Hedges, C. Hibbard, R. Holden, S. Kitzenberg, L. McCulloch, L. Nelson, K. Ohs,

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B. Rehbein, S. Rose, P. Sliter, C. Squires, B. Tash, F. Thomas, B. Wilson, referred to Human Services.

HB 584, introduced by C. Juneau, R. Buzzas, A. Curtiss, S. Kitzenberg, R. Lenhart, M. McCann, L. McCulloch, G. Roush, F. Smith, C. Williams, referred to Education.

HB 585, introduced by R. Jore, referred to State Administration.

HB 586, introduced by R. Dale, D. Fuchs, S. Rose, B. Tash, referred to Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

HB 587, introduced by J. Stovall, C. Ahner, J. Barnett, B. Davies, L. Grinde, M. Hanson, B. Molnar, D. Mood, S. Orr, P. Sliter, L. Taylor, J. Witt, T. Zook, referred to Judiciary.

HB 588, introduced by B. Lawson, referred to Education.

The following House joint resolutions were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

HJR 20, introduced by J. Quilici, J. Andersen, T. Facey, D. Fuchs, K. Galvin-Halcro, K. Gillan, J. Holden, S. Kitzenberg, B. Lawson, M. Lindeen, J. Mangan, G. Masolo, L. McCulloch, J. McKenney, M. Noennig, S. Rose, A. Walters, D. Wyatt, (by the request of the House Education Committee), referred to Education.

HJR 21, introduced by B. Lawson, J. Andersen, T. Facey, D. Fuchs, K. Galvin-Halcro, K. Gillan, J. Holden, S. Kitzenberg, M. Lindeen, J. Mangan, G. Masolo, L. McCulloch, J. McKenney, M. Noennig, B. Rehbein, S. Rose, A. Walters, D. Wyatt, referred to Education.

HJR 22, introduced by G. Masolo, D. Adams, C. Ahner, J. Andersen, J. Barnett, M. Brainard, R. Brown, E. Clark, R. Clark, J. Cobb, A. Curtiss, T. Facey, S. Fisher, D. Fuchs, K. Galvin-Halcro, D. Grimes, L. Grinde, D. Haines, D. Hedges, J. Holden, V. Jackson, S. Kitzenberg, B. Krenzler, J. Mangan, L. McCulloch, D. McGee, J. Mercer, B. Molnar, D. Mood, M. Noennig, R. Peck, J. Quilici, S. Rose, B. Ryan, B. Simon, P. Sliter, F. Smith, R. Somerville, J. Stovall, E. Swanson, L. Taylor, F. Thomas, C. Tuss, A. Walters, C. Williams, D. Wyatt, T. Zook, referred to Human Services.

HJR 23, introduced by M. Lindeen, D. Adams, C. Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, J. Barnett, B. Barnhart, S. Bartlett, G. Beck, T. Beck, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, D. Berry, A. Bishop, R. Bitney, J. Bohlinger, S. Bookout-Reinicke, M. Brainard, R. Brown, R. Buzzas, C. Christiaens, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, J. Cobb, V. Cocchiarella, M. Cole, B. Crippen, W. Crismore, A. Curtiss, B. Davies, T. Dell, B. DePratu, G. Devlin, S. Doherty, D. Eck, B. Eggers, J. Ellingson, A. Ellis, R. Erickson, D. Ewer, T. Facey, S. Fisher, E. Franklin, D. Fuchs, S. Gallus, K. Galvin-Halcro, K. Gillan, B. Glaser, G. Golie, D. Grimes, L. Grinde, L. Grosfield, M. Guggenheim, G. Gutsche, T. Hagener, D. Haines, M. Halligan, M. Hanson, D. Hargrove, J. Harp, H. Harper, D. Harrington, D. Hedges, J. Hertel, C. Hibbard, J. Holden, R. Holden, J. Hurdle, R. Jabs, V. Jackson, G. Jergeson, R. Johnson, R. Jore, C. Juneau, B. Kasten, T. Keating, B. Keenan, S. Kitzenberg, B. Krenzler, B. Lawson, R. Lenhart, J. Lynch, D. Mahlum, J. Mangan, G. Masolo, G. Matthews, M. McCann, B. McCarthy, L. McCulloch, D. McGee, J. McKenney, R. Menahan, J. Mercer, K. Mesaros, A. Mohl, B. Molnar, D. Mood, L. Nelson, M. Noennig, K. Ohs, S. Orr, B. Pavlovich, R. Peck, J. Quilici, B. Raney, B. Rehbein, S. Rose, G. Roush, B. Ryan, T. Schmidt, D. Shea, J. Shockley, B. Simon, P. Sliter, F. Smith, L. Soft, R. Somerville, M. Sprague, C. Squires, S. Stang, B. Story, J. Stovall, E. Swanson, C. Swysgood, B. Tash, L. Taylor, M. Taylor, J. Tester, B. Thomas, F. Thomas, D. Toews, C. Trexler, J. Tropila, C. Tuss, D. Wagner, A. Walters, M. Waterman, J. Wells, C. Williams, B. Wilson, J. Witt, D. Wyatt, C. Younkin, T. Zook, referred to Natural Resources.

HJR 24, introduced by C. Juneau, B. Eggers, S. Kitzenberg, R. Lenhart, M. McCann, G. Roush, F. Smith, C. Williams, referred to Business and Labor.

**SECOND READING OF BILLS
(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

Representative Grinde moved the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of business on second reading. Motion carried. Representative Trexler in the chair.

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Mr. Speaker: We, your Committee of the Whole, having had under consideration business on second reading, recommend as follows:

HJR 12 - Representative Juneau moved **HJR 12** be adopted. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Johnson, Juneau, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

Total 84

Noes: Adams, P. Bergsagel, Bitney, Davies, Jackson, Jore, Kasten, Molnar, Orr, Rehbein, Sliter, Vick, Wagner, Walters.

Total 14

Voted Absentee: Ohs, Aye.

Excused: Ahner.

Total 1

Absent or not voting: Fisher.

Total 1

SJR 2 - Representative Johnson moved **SJR 2** be adopted. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Adams, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

Total 91

Noes: Fuchs, Jore, McGee, Orr, Rehbein, Story, Vick, Wagner.

Total 8

Voted Absentee: Ohs, Aye.

Excused: Ahner.

Total 1

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

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HB 6 - Representative McCann moved **HB 6** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Quilici, Raney, Rehbein, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Wagner, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

Total 91

Noes: Adams, P. Bergsagel, Jore, Orr, Pavlovich, Peck, Vick.

Total 7

Voted Absentee: Ohs, Aye.

Excused: Ahner.

Total 1

Absent or not voting: Bitney.

Total 1

HB 8 - Representative McCann moved **HB 8** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, Bookout-Reinicke, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

Total 90

Noes: Adams, P. Bergsagel, Brainard, R. Clark, Jore, Orr, Rehbein, Vick, Wagner.

Total 9

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: Bitney.

Total 1

HB 437 - Representative Kasten moved **HB 437** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke,

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Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, P. Clark, R. Clark, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Vick, Wagner, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

Total 92

Noes: P. Bergsagel, Jore, Orr, Rehbein.

Total 4

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: E. Clark, Cobb, McCann, Rose.

Total 4

HB 442 - Representative Stovall moved **HB 442** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Beck, E. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Johnson, Jore, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Orr, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rehbein, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Tropila, Tuss, Vick, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

Total 91

Noes: Barnhart, P. Bergsagel, Brainard, Jackson, McGee, Soft, Thomas, Trexler, Wagner.

Total 9

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

HB 419 - Representative McCulloch moved **HB 419** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Ahner, J. Andersen, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, Bookout-Reinicke, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, Cobb, Dale, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McKenney, Menahan, Mood,

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Total 71

Noes: Adams, S. Anderson, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Bitney, Brainard, Brown, R. Clark, Curtiss, Davies, Fisher, Fuchs, Grinde, Hanson, Jore, Kasten, McGee, Molnar, Orr, Rehbein, Story, Taylor, Tuss, Vick, Wagner, Walters, Witt, Wyatt, Mr. Speaker.
Total 29

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

HB 74 - Representative Mood moved **HB 74** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Johnson, Juneau, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Wagner, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.
Total 89

Noes: Adams, P. Bergsagel, Brainard, R. Clark, Davies, Jackson, Jore, Kasten, Orr, Rehbein, Vick.
Total 11

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Representative Grinde moved the committee rise and report. Motion carried. Committee arose. House resumed. Mr. Speaker in the chair. Chairman Trexler moved the Committee of the Whole report be adopted. Report adopted as follows:

Ayes: Adams, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Beck, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Buzzas, E. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood,

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Total 91

Noes: Barnhart, Jore, Rehbein.

Total 3

Excused: Ahner, Brown, Ohs.

Total 3

Absent or not voting: P. Clark, Hibbard, Trexler.

Total 3

THIRD READING OF BILLS

The following bills having been read three several times, title and history agreed to, were disposed of in the following manner:

HB 236 passed as follows:

Ayes: Ahner, S. Anderson, Barnett, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brown, Cobb, Dale, Davies, Eggers, Ewer, Fisher, Fuchs, Gillan, Grinde, Guggenheim, Hagener, Haines, Hedges, Hibbard, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Matthews, McCulloch, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Rose, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Vick, Walters, Witt, Younkin, Mr. Speaker.

Total 51

Noes: Adams, J. Andersen, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Brainard, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Curtiss, Dell, Erickson, Facey, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Golie, Gutsche, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Jore, Juneau, Kasten, Mangan, Masolo, McCann, McGee, McKenney, Noennig, Ohs, Orr, Raney, Rehbein, Ryan, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Wagner, Williams, Wyatt, Zook.

Total 48

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Aye; Ohs, No.

Excused: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: Holden.

Total 1

HB 334 passed as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch,

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Total 96

Noes: Jore, McGee, Orr.
Total 3

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: Gallus.
Total 1

HB 430 passed as follows:

Ayes: Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Vick, Wagner, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Zook, Mr. Speaker.
Total 90

Noes: Adams, P. Bergsagel, Dale, Jore, McGee, Orr, Rehbein, Walters.
Total 8

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: Curtiss, Younkin.
Total 2

HJ 15 adopted as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rehbein, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Tropila, Tuss, Vick, Wagner, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

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Total 97

Noes: Jore, Orr.

Total 2

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.

Total

Absent or not voting: Trexler.

Total 1

SB 11 concurred in as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, E. Clark, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Holden, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Jore, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Orr, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rehbein, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Vick, Wagner, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

Total 100

Noes: None.

Total 0

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

SB 21 concurred in as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, Barnhart, Beck, E. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, Buzzas, P. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Fisher, Fuchs, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Grinde, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Haines, Hanson, Harper, Harrington, Hedges, Hibbard, Hurdle, Jackson, Johnson, Juneau, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Krenzler, Lawson, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Masolo, Matthews, McCann, McCulloch, McGee, McKenney, Menahan, Molnar, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Orr, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Rose, Ryan, Schmidt, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Smith, Soft, Somerville, Squires, Story, Stovall, Swanson, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Tuss, Wagner, Walters, Williams, Witt, Wyatt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.

Total 94

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Noes: P. Bergsagel, Jore, Rehbein, Vick.
Total 4

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: E. Clark, Holden.
Total 2

SB 77 concurred in as follows:

Ayes: Adams, Ahner, J. Andersen, S. Anderson, Barnett, E. Bergsagel, P. Bergsagel, Bitney, Bookout-Reinicke, Brainard, Brown, E. Clark, R. Clark, Cobb, Curtiss, Dale, Davies, Fisher, Fuchs, Grinde, Haines, Hanson, Hedges, Hibbard, Jackson, Johnson, Jore, Kasten, Kitzenberg, Lawson, Masolo, McCann, McGee, McKenney, Mood, Noennig, Ohs, Orr, Rehbein, Rose, Shockley, Simon, Sliter, Soft, Somerville, Story, Stovall, Tash, Taylor, Thomas, Trexler, Tropila, Vick, Wagner, Walters, Witt, Younkin, Zook, Mr. Speaker.
Total 59

Noes: Barnhart, Beck, Buzzas, P. Clark, Dell, Eggers, Erickson, Ewer, Facey, Gallus, Galvin-Halcro, Gillan, Golie, Guggenheim, Gutsche, Hagener, Harper, Harrington, Holden, Hurdle, Juneau, Krenzler, Lenhart, Lindeen, Mangan, Matthews, McCulloch, Menahan, Molnar, Pavlovich, Peck, Quilici, Raney, Ryan, Schmidt, Smith, Squires, Swanson, Tuss, Williams, Wyatt.
Total 41

Voted Absentee: Ahner, Ohs, Ayes.

Excused: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

MOTIONS

Representative Curtiss requested on **HB 142**, 3rd reading yesterday, Legislative Day 32, that her vote be shown as yes. There being no objections, so ordered.

Representative Mood requested on **SB 11**, 3rd reading today, that his vote be shown as yes. There being no objections, so ordered.

Representative Quilici requested on **SB 77**, 3rd reading today, that his vote be changed from yes to no. There being no objections, so ordered.

Representative Jackson requested on **SB 77**, 3rd reading today, that his vote be changed from no to yes. There being no objections, so ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Committee meetings were announced by committee chairmen.

Majority Leader Grinde moved that the House recess until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 10, 1999. Motion carried.

House recessed at 1:00 p.m.

House reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Representative Grinde moved that following the joint session, the House adjourn and reconvene at 1:00 p.m, Thursday, Legislative Day 34, February 11, 1999. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Sergeant-at-Arms Meuli escorted the Senate into the House Chamber.

Speaker Mercer introduced President Crippen and yielded the Chair to him.

Senator Harp moved that the body resolve itself into a joint session for the purpose of receiving the State of Indian Nations Address from George Heavy Runner, Secretary of the Tribal Council of the Blackfeet Nation. Motion carried.

Senator Harp moved that President Crippen be authorized to appoint a committee of four to notify the Tribal Council of the Blackfeet Nation that the House was in joint session and ready to receive the State of Indian Nations Address. Motion carried.

President Crippen appointed Senators Jabs and Roush and Representatives Juneau and Stovall and discharged them to escort the Secretary and dignitaries into the House Chamber.

Sergeants-at-Arms Meuli and Cramer escorted the Secretary of the Tribal Council of the Blackfeet Nation and dignitaries into the House Chamber.

President Crippen introduced the representatives of the respective Indian nations and greeted them in their native tongues.

Tony Awtin Incashola, director of the Salish and Kootenai Cultural Committee, gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After being introduced by President Crippen the Northern Cheyenne Singers performed a song.

After being introduced by President Crippen, George Heavy Runner, Secretary of the Tribal Council of the Blackfeet Nation, delivered the following address:

**GEORGE HEAVY RUNNER, SECRETARY
BLACKFEET TRIBAL BUSINESS COUNCIL
TRIBAL NATIONS ADDRESS TO THE MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE
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Thank you very much. Speaker Mercer, President Crippen, members of the Legislature, tribal leaders, honored guests: It is indeed an honor to come back to the well of the House to address the legislature on behalf of the first people of this state to give the State of the Tribal Nations Address.

Let me begin by recognizing the people in the gallery who have come a long way in support of the Tribal Nations Address and rally in the Capitol Rotunda. Can you please stand up for a brief moment so that you can be recognized? You didn't think I was going to come here alone without backup now, did you?

This afternoon I stand before you as a former member of this body who fully understands your responsibilities as legislators in fulfilling your sworn oath under the Constitution of the State of Montana.

The good people of this state have elected you to look out for their interests; to protect the sovereignty of this state; to provide governmental services; to take care of the land for future generations; and create an economy that provides hope for families to have decent paying jobs in raising the next generations of Montana.

Why do I point this out to you today? Because I too have been elected to another governing body and have taken a similar oath to do the very things that are spelled out in our constitution. It's called tribal government. It's a government that has been around since time immemorial. Our United States Government recognizes this unique historical legal relationship which is set forth in the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, and court decisions.

Although we differ as elected officials on cultural, political and legal fronts, we share a commonality with you in doing what's right for our people.

Today, I would like to share with you an insight into the everyday challenges and issues that face tribally elected officials from the nations of the Blackfeet, the Crow, the Chippewa Cree, the Fort Belknap, the Fort Peck, the Northern Cheyenne, and the Salish and Kootenai, and the Little Shell.

One of the most pressing issues we tribal leaders face is maintaining, to the best of our ability, the right to govern our own affairs and our territories, which is better known as tribal sovereignty. This inherent right to exist as a sovereign nation is probably the single most important issue that we face every day and spend our few precious resources to defend our rights at the state and national level. Funds that should be going towards providing essential governmental services, creating employment, or protecting our environment, instead are rerouted to pay for costly legal expenses against the barrage of court cases that seek to blend us into the fabric of American society by the process of adjudication.

If it's not the courts that are commanding our attention, it's the time and energy we have to spend educating the new leadership that comes to Washington regarding tribal sovereignty. It's very frustrating to constantly have to revalidate your right to exist as a people.

Let me try to give you an insight about tribal sovereignty and what it means to us. We don't believe sovereignty gives us special treatment or to acquire a special status that is unfair to the rest of America. You see, in the Indian mind, tribal sovereignty is not just a legal term or political definition. It is our sense of identity. It is who we are and who we belong to as diverse tribal communities. It's what enables us to survive and look at the world based upon our rich cultural heritage.

Even your ancestors migrated to America with their own cultural perspectives and fundamental beliefs that has transcended into state sovereignty. Look at your constitution. To have someone come along and change all that with a stroke of a pen or the pounding of a gavel, somehow seems to fly into the face of what your forefathers intended

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this country to be.

So my friends, the next time you hear or see tribes getting a little emotional and bent out of shape because there is an affront to their sovereignty, you now know why it is more than just defending a legal term or political status. I believe my good friend Rep. Stovall and Senator Burns can attest to that with their recent experience last year.

In the interest of time, I will not go into other issues such as water rights, taxation, jurisdiction, or gaming. I would like to recommend a process a little later on how we might approach those subjects as lawmakers.

I would like to quickly cover some of the legislation that you will consider this session that tribes are in support of or are opposed to: HB 34-Tribal College Non-beneficiary bill-Rep. Stovall; HB 412-Bill to remove the squaw language from state markers, sites and Maps; HJ. Resolution-Proposal to create a Commission of Indian Affairs.

The tribes are very concerned and oppose legislative efforts to amend the State-Tribal Cooperative Agreement Act or terminate present agreements. It is our view that you don't try to fix something that's not broken. This law has been one of the few legislative mechanisms that works. Ask your Governor.

In 1978, President Nixon was unveiling his Indian self-determination act to Congress, which was essentially designed to allow tribes to have some control over their fate through the sovereignty process. Here is what he said in his opening paragraph:

“The first Americans, the Indians are the most deprived and isolated minority group in our nation. On virtually every scale of measurement, employment, income, education, health, the condition of the Indian people ranks at the bottom. This condition is the heritage of centuries of injustice. Even the federal programs which are designed to meet their needs have frequently been proven to be ineffective and demeaning.”

21 years later, those words ring true. Time has stood still in Indian Country and it will continue if we don't seek other ways as tribal leaders to move our nation forward.

Clearly, tribal governments cannot do this alone. It will take the cooperation of tribal, federal, and state government, along with the private sector to break the cycle of poverty.

Why should state government assist? Because we too are citizens of this state. We vote in all the elections. We contribute to the economy as taxpayers and consumers. We are used as part of the head counting system as Montana goes to the trough of federal funding. We are your friends and neighbors. More importantly, as the largest minority body and at least 10% of the overall population, we deserve no less.

Let me make a few recommendations in how we might go about addressing this challenge together.

First, I recommend that during this session, you take a serious look at Rep. Eggers' proposal which seeks to identify problems, solutions, and funding to reduce unemployment on our reservations and foster business activity and manufacturing.

Second, I would request you work with Governor Racicot in adding an addendum to the long-range economic development to include Indian economies as part of the solution and not the problem. When was the last time there was any serious legislative initiative to assess how the tribe's human and natural resources could factor into the overall economic growth of this state?

Lastly, I believe it's time that the legislative leadership and tribal leadership get together and have some constructive dialogue about tribal-state relations. Who knows what solutions we may reach if we put our heads together? Right

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now, our constructive dialogue consists of an annual 45 minute speech every two years where we talk and you listen, I hope.

Is that going to be our formal relationship for the next century? I sincerely hope not.

I find myself a very fortunate person today in being the tribe's messenger to a group of esteemed leaders that I consider a family after having served with you. You know what I mean. Now, I have joined another special family of tribal leaders in Montana.

It has always been one of my goals to bring these two families together. To begin a process of healing and putting aside those issues that have divided us for many years. If we can begin to lead by example and follow the words of Martin Luther King that we should not judge each other by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character, perhaps there is hope for our future generations in the next century.

Let us stand together as leaders and build that kind of future for our children. Thank you for listening and may God bless.

President Crippen introduced Burton Pretty-On-Top who performed a traditional pipe ceremony and then delivered the benediction.

The committee escorted the Secretary of the Tribal Council of the Blackfeet Nation and the representatives of the other Indian nations from the House Chamber.

Senator Harp moved that the joint session of the 56th legislature be adjourned. Motion carried.

House adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

MARILYN MILLER
Chief Clerk of the House

JOHN MERCER
Speaker of the House