

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD**, on March 19, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 325 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 493, 497, 498, 494, 495,
496, 3/16/1999

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 493, 497, 498

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD
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Proponents' Testimony:

DON ALLEN, Western Environmental Grade Assoc. **EXHIBIT**(sth62a01)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14 - 18.2}

JAMES MOCKLER, Montana Coal Council **EXHIBIT**(sth62a02)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 20.5}

JOHN BLOOMQUIST, Mont. Stockgrower's Assoc.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 24.1}

ARLA JEAN MURRAY, Mt. Cattlewomen's Assoc.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.8 - 25.4}

LORNA KARN, Mt. Farm Bureau
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.8 - 25.4}

KARL SCHWEITZER, Mt. Wood Products Assoc.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.5 - 27.3}

ERIC FEAVER, MEA/MFTA
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.4 - 29.1}

LANCE MELTON, Mt. School Boards Assoc.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.1 - 30.2}
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CHRIS GALLUS, Mt. Chamber of Commerce
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.3 - 2.3}

JEAN JOHNSON, Mt. Outfitter's Assoc.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.5 - 5.2}

Opponents' Testimony:

JOE KERWIN, Asst. to the Secretary of State
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.5 - 7.5}

CRAIG SWEET, Mont. PERG
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.6 - 10.1}

MARK MACKIN, Concerned citizen **EXHIBIT**(sth62a03)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.3 - 12.8}

BOBBIE ROSSIGNOL, Concerned citizen **EXHIBIT**(sth62a04)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.9 - 14.1}

VERNER BERTELSON, Mont. Retired Senior Citizen's Assoc.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.1 - 16.1}

ROGER KOOPMAN, **EXHIBIT**(sth62a05)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2 - 18.2}

JOHN VAN NORMAN, Concerned Citizen
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.9 - 21.5}

CLAYTON FISCUS, Concerned Citizen **EXHIBIT**(sth62a06)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.5 - 24}

MARILYN HATCH, Polecat Brigade **EXHIBIT**(sth62a07)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1 - 24.7}

ELMER PETERSON, Concerned Citizen
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.8 - 27.4}

MIKE FELLOWS, Mt. Libertarian Party **EXHIBIT**(sth62a08)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.5 - 30.1}

JEFF BARBER, Mt. Environmental Assoc.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2 - 1.2}

WALLY SEPP, Concerned Citizen
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.3 - 3.6}

W.C. HOLLENBAUGH, Concerned Citizen **EXHIBIT**(sth62a09)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.7 - 5.4}

JAY SAGE, Concerned Citizen **EXHIBIT**(sth62a10)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.5 - 6.8}

DUSTIN DOAN, Mt. Wildlife Federation
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.9 - 7.8}

JOHN RICE, Co-ordinator of Montanan's for Better Government
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8 - 9.2}

AARON BROWNING, Northern Plains Resource Council
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2 - 10.2}

BILL KELLER, Mt. Common Cause

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.3 - 12.9}

ARLYCE BOLICH, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13 - 14.7}

EDWARD O'HARA, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.8 - 15.4}

KEN CARPENTER, Concerned Citizen **EXHIBIT**(sth62a11)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.6 - 16.7}

JACK GUNDERSON, Former State Legislator

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.8 - 18.4}

LAURAN DEWITT, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.5 - 18.8}

KATHY COLLINS, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.9 - 19.4}

WILFRED EBERT, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.5 - 21.3}

JAY MCKEAN, Mt. for Better Government

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.6 - 22.9}

DON JUDGE, AFL/CIO

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23 - 25.5}

CAROL BANCROFT, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26 - 27.4}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REPS; TASH, BRAINARD, HEDGES, MOOD, WAGNER, MANGAN, DELL, WAGNER, MOOD, HEDGES, WAGNER, MANGAN, ANDERSEN, BRAINARD, MOOD AND MANGAN.

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Closing by Sponsor: REP. LORENTS GROSFIELD

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HEARING ON SB 494, 495, 496

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD

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Proponents' Testimony:

CHRIS GALLUS, Atty. Montana Chamber of Commerce

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RYAN ALEXANDER, Petroleum Products of Montana **EXHIBIT**(sth62a12)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.5 - 30}

MIKE PICHETTE, Mt. Power Co.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : .1 - 2.3}

ERIC FEAVER, MEA/MFT

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.4 - 3.1}

JOHN BLOOMQUIST, Mt. Stockgrower's Assoc.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.2 - 4.4}

JEAN JOHNSON, Mt. Outfitter's Assoc.

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DON ALLEN, Western Environmental Trade Assoc.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2 - 11.2}

KARL SCHWEITZER, Mt. Wood Products Assoc.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.3 - 12.3}

RUSS RITTER, Mt. Rail Link

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.4 - 14.3}

PAIGE DRINGMAN, Atty. for I-125

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.4 - 17.6}

Opponents' Testimony:

ROGER KOOPMAN, Mt. Trustees of Freedom

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CRAIG SWEET, MONT. PERG

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.8 - 22.7}

MARK MACKIN, Advocate for Direct Democracy

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 25.3}

JEFF BARBER, West. Environmental Protection Center

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SCOTT CRICHTON, American Civil Liberties Union **EXHIBIT**(sth62a13)

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JAY SAGE, Concerned Citizen

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MARILYN HATCH, Concerned Citizen

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VERNER BERTELSON, Mont. Retired Person's Assoc.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.1 - 4.5}

AARON BROWNING, Northern Plains Resources

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8 - 5.7}

BILL KELLER, Common Cause

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.8 - 7.6}

JOE KERWIN, Ex. Sec. of State

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.6 - 8.7}

W.C. HOLLENBAUGH, Concerned Citizen

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JOHN VAN NORMAN, Concerned Citizen **EXHIBIT**(sth62a14)

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10 - 12.6}

CLAYTON FISCUS, Former Chairman of Yellowstone County Petition Board

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.7 - 14.8}

ARLYCE BOLICH, Concerned Citizen

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JAY MCKEAN, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.7 - 18.6}

JOHN RICE, Chairman Montana for Better Government

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.6 - 20.8}

SHIRLEY RASMUSAN, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 23.8}

BOBBIE ROSSIGNOL, Concerned Citizen

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.1 - 26.2}

MIKE FELLOWS, Chairman of Mt. Libertarian Party

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3 - 27.3}

JACK GUNDERSON, Concerned Citizen

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DAN PETERSON, Concerned Citizen

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ARLYCE BOLICH, Concerned Citizen

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CAROL MACKIN, Concerned Citizen

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ED BOYER, Missoula Union

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.4 - 3.5}

DAVE BROWN, Concerned Citizen

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REPS. WALTERS, BRAINARD, WAGNER, DELL, MOOD, THOMAS, ANDERSEN

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Closing by Sponsor: REP. LORENTS GROSFIELD

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 A.M.

REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

KAREN MILLS, Secretary

MB/KM

EXHIBIT (sth62aad)