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Jan Johnson, Missoula's freshman Republican senator from District 49, is introducing a bill to reduce Montana's ambient air standards, enacted by the state Board of Health last year.

Johnson's bill is a bad one, not only for Missoula but for the rest of the state. The standards, which take into account particulate levels from a wide area, as opposed to levels in close proximity to industry, are more stringent than federal standards. Johnson would like to see the health board standards brought into line with the more reluctant federal rules.

She also plans an amendment to the bill that would take the power to set such standards away from the state health board and give it to the Legislature.

Johnson's three senate colleagues from Missoula, Democrats Bill Norman, Fred Van Valkenburg and Mike Halligan, all have stated that they will work to defeat the legislation. Johnson's reasons for initiating this attempt to weaken environmental standards are that the standards hinder the development of new industry and are a hardship for existing businesses.

This may very well be true. But it's also a sad example of misplaced priorities.

This state's history has proven the absurdity of legislation in favor of making it easy for industry to develop at will. One small but significant example is the Flathead mountainside above the fluoridating Anaconda Aluminum Co. plant at Columbia Falls.

Johnson is sympathetic to her constituents who urge her to make it easier for them to get jobs. But knocking under to temptation of industry in fear that the possible number of available jobs may otherwise be reduced amounts to submitting to social blackmail.

It is a subtle but sinister form of economic extortion, and every piece of progressive environmental legislation this state has produced has been a worthwhile fight against it. For this regressive piece of legislation to pass now would be a giant flop backward that Montana should be ashamed of. Quite possibly the most disturbing thing about Johnson's bill is that if it succeeds, it will establish a precedent that a conservative, growth-oriented Legislature may use to weaken environmental rules from which to even do more damage.

Why break one window in a building when you can break them all?

But besides all this, Johnson and other like-minded backers of her bill should take a harder look at the long-term consequences of this kind of legislation. This bill is short-sighted, and that may very well be the worst thing about it.

No reasonable person would deny that there may be short-term economic benefits to be gained from relaxing the ambient air standards. But the certain long-term costs of living in a scum-filled environment far outweigh those possible benefits.

And there's no guarantee that Johnson's bill could actually bring about those costly short-term benefits. It's little better than a shot in the dark. There is no absolute proof that the current standards discourage new industry in Montana. Variances from the standards are available in cases of true economic hardship.

Montanans should push for this bill's defeat and hope that the mentality that produced it doesn't surface again.

Scott Hagel

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**letters**

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While at UM I discovered that the university keeps many of its faculty members by recruiting them into a peculiar, zombie-like cult which worships Missoula, all things. Those profs not converted begin to wonder how they will pay their bills. But somehow — perhaps against logic — I think the University of Montana offers a better place to work and part-time work as an editor at the Missoulian. So far, I've made my contributions to
Missoula Democrats will propose legislation to legalize lay midwifery

By JIM BRUGGERS
Missoula Kaimin Reporter

A bill legalizing lay midwifery in Montana will be introduced in the House of Representatives soon, Akin Mary Dussault, D-Missoula, said recently.

The bill will be co-sponsored by Dussault and Steve Waldron, another Missoula Democrat. Elizabeth Scanlin, of Red Lodge, who helped organize Montana for Midwives, said the bill will establish a Board of Midwives to conduct examinations and set standards for midwives.

Scanlin said a very similar bill was introduced in the 1979 Legislature, but never made it out of the Public Health Committee.

The purpose of the bill is to allow Montana women the choice of where and how their childbirth will occur.

"To deny people the right to home birth is to deny them of a basic human right," she said.

Montana law allows only registered nurses to become certified midwives. Scanlin said there is only one R.N. midwife in Montana.

According to a government survey, she added, there were 2,946 home births in Montana in 1979. Most of them were illegal.

"The bill comes out of the belief of many women that they should always be able to choose the surroundings during the birthing process. One of the reasons for choosing a home birth is because a hospital birth may cost between $1,000 and $5,000, depending on complications. Lay midwifery — performed by non-professionals, but not necessarily inexperienced people — is legal, in varying degrees, in 19 states. Doctors rarely deliver babies in homes.

Doctors oppose home births because they are not as safe as hospital births, Brian Zins, executive director of the Montana Medical Association, said yesterday in a telephone interview.

"The majority of times there will not be a problem (during pregnancy)," he said, but when a problem arises, the Association "wants to see a qualified person with the mother.

When asked if the mother should have a right to deliver her child anywhere she chooses Zins said, "the little baby has rights too.

"How can anyone go against that argument?" he added.

Scanlin said the bill is intended to make midwives of which there seem to be a large number in Montana, an "arm" of the medical profession.

The midwives would be trained, at one of six schools in the United States, to determine high-risk mothers.

"One of the jobs of a midwife would be to decide when it is necessary to go to the hospital," she said.

"It is not as though anyone off the street could become a midwife, she said, adding that they need training and experience.

CB positions may be filled at board’s meeting tonight

Much of Central Board’s first 1981 meeting will be catch-up on what transpired during CB’s 5-week holiday hiatus, including filling three vacated board positions.

Tonight’s meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the University Center Montana Rooms.

ASUM President David Curtis said yesterday he is interviewing 15 applicants for the three positions vacated during Christmas break.

Curtis hopes to finish the interviews by today and submit his nominations for CB’s approval at tonight’s meeting.

The nominees need approval by a majority of the board before becoming members.

The primary qualities Curtis is looking for in the new CB members are an understanding of what a liberal arts education is and ASUM’s role at the University of Montana.

He said he was not considering whether the applicants were politically "right" or "left," nor the political philosophy of those they will replace.

The departed CB members are Dan O’Fallon, Ralph Simpson and Ed McMillan.

O’Fallon and Simpson resigned because of new jobs that will take them out of town, and McMillan apparently committed suicide Dec. 20.

McMillan was found hanged in a Missoula city jail cell the morning after being arrested at Stockman’s Bar for allegedly pulling a knife on a customer.

The board also will hear a short memorial for McMillan.

Several ASUM committees will present the following "updates" to the board:

• The ASUM Legislative Committee will report on its workings and the progress of the ASUM lobbyist in Helena.

• Faculty Evaluations Committee Chairman Peter Kerr will report on the state of ASUM’s faculty evaluation program.

• ASUM’s elections committee will report on its work concerning the upcoming ASUM elections, which are usually held in February

The Residence Halls Office is Currently Accepting Resident Assistant Applications for the 1981-82 Academic Year

Applications may be obtained at the Residence Halls Office, Room 101, Turner Hall, or at any of the respective hall desks.

Applications must have a minimum 2.00 G.P.A. and an interest in working with people.

Interviews will be scheduled during Winter Quarter, and new resident assistants will be selected prior to the end of Spring Quarter.

Questions relative to these positions should be directed to the Residence Halls Office.

Applications should be completed and returned to the Residence Halls Office by February 1, 1981.

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The area is not likely to get the other 50.9 inches of snow that was predicted by the almanac, according to Dave Goens, a meteorologist for the weather service.

Goens said there is a 60 percent chance that the Rocky Mountain states will continue to experience mild weather through March. He bases his statement on the extended forecast published by the National Weather Service in Washington, D.C. He said the forecast is based on past weather records for the region.

Circulation around the Northern Hemisphere has created a high pressure zone which has diverted storm patterns in the Rockies and Montana.

Goens said in layman's terms that means no snow.

But lack of precipitation this winter means problems for people other than those who just bought ski. It will also hurt farmers, according to Gerald Marks, a Missoula County extension official.

"A winter without snow means a lack of irrigation water for farmers in the spring," Marks said.

Women in politics subject of Brown Bag Discussions

"Women in Politics: Organizing, Seeking Office, and Effecting Legislation" is the theme for the Winter Quarter Brown Bag Discussions which begin today.

Today's discussion, which is at noon in the Montana Rooms of the University Center, will feature Mary Palmer, former director of the Democratic Women's Club of Missoula. Palmer will talk about the Montana Legislature and its effects on women's issues.

Terry Harned, series coordinator, said, "This should be an interesting series. With the Legislature in session, there are a lot of important things happening concerning women."

Other subjects that will be brought up in the eight discussions this quarter are lobbying, day care, abortion issues, and bills before the Legislature dealing with violence against women.

Harned said other speakers for the series would include Germaine Conard, Missoula county commissioner, Carol Mitchell, unsuccessful candidate for representative from House District 93 last fall, and Ann German, a local leader.

Sponsored by the Women's Resource Center, the discussions will held Wednesdays in the noon in the UC Montana Rooms.

Events schedule for Foresters' Ball

Along with the traditional Foresters' Ball Friday and Saturday night, the University of Montana Forestry Club is sponsoring a variety of entertainment and competition this week.

They include:
• A ticket drop noon today on the Corbly.
• Bloomedockers Day, today from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the Forestry Building, which will include empty keg throwing, speed chopping and wood bucking contests.
• A tobacco spitting contest, tomorrow noon, in Mammy Park, between the Mansfield Library and the U.C.
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Transmission line bill under study

By BOOMER SLOTHOWER
Montana Kaimin Legislative Reporter

HELENA — The construction of electric power transmission lines from Colstrip to the West Coast by the Bonneville Power Administration is not generally thought of by Montanans as being beneficial to the state or to the University of Montana, may receive some benefit from the line.

House Bill 36, introduced by Rep. Joe Brand, D-Deer Lodge, would provide remedies for those who suffer damages or harm as a result of delays or interference with the flow of sentiment against environmental broadening yesterday. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Joe Kanduch, D-Anaconda, is listed as the prime sponsor of the bill providing for $1,000 fines or jailing of persons who delay or interfere with industrial or commercial development in the state "without good cause.

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House Bill 36 would amend the property tax law to include "properly constructed, owned or operated power generation facilities owned by publicly-owned generating companies." According to the bill's sponsor, Rep. Joe Brand, D-Deer Lodge, the measure was designed to partially compensate the counties through which the BPA line passes. The BPA is "getting at the hook" of paying taxes, he said.

The Department of Revenue prepared a fiscal note that evaluates the revenue impact of the bill. John Clark, deputy director of the department, said the study only looks at the portion of the line that is built or will be built during this biennium, meaning before July, 1983. This portion, from Hot Springs to the Idaho border, would provide revenue during this biennium to Sanders County (about $465,120) and to the University levi (about $16,416) in fiscal 1983, the note said.

The revenues would increase "substantially" with the completion of the line from Colstrip to Hot Springs, the note says. There only seems to be one problem with the bill. No one is sure whether it is constitutional. According to Brand, Montana's congressional delegation wants Montana to pass this bill regardless of whether it is constitutional. That way the delegation can have something to base a federal law on, he said.

In the meantime, the bill is "sitting in committee" until the constitutional question is answered, he said. Two more representatives, Dick Manning, D-Great Falls and Ben Hanson, R-Missoula, have added their names to the bill as co-sponsors. Brand said that once the representatives know that the congressional delegation would like to see this bill enacted, it should pass easily.

Economic development obstructors could be fined under proposed bill

HELENA (AP) — A bill to throw industrial development obstructors into jail was introduced in the Montana House as an apparent flow of sentiment against environmental broadening yesterday. The bill, co-sponsored by 21 House members, was accompanied by 23 new items of legislation dropped in the House hopper yesterday.

Also in that collection were measures limiting the use of industrial revenue bonds, giving larger counties nearly a blank check to adopt local option taxes and measures limiting the use of industrial or commercial development. According to the bill's sponsor, Rep. Joe Kanduch, D-Anaconda, is listed as the prime sponsor of the bill providing for $1,000 fines or jailing of persons who delay or interfere with industrial or commercial development in the state "without good cause.

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In the meantime, the bill is "sitting in committee" until the constitutional question is answered, he said. Two more representatives, Dick Manning, D-Great Falls and Ben Hanson, R-Missoula, have added their names to the bill as co-sponsors. Brand said that once the representatives know that the congressional delegation would like to see this bill enacted, it should pass easily.

Weather or Not

Chris stared at the rumpled body before him, realizing he should notify the authorities, but worried about contamination. He hoped that the loggi conditions, with a high of 26 and a low of 20, would keep the body until the police could arrive.

Suddenly, he heard two gruff voices and running feet. Two men in trench coats rounded the corner. The door was open, and Chris panicked and ran, but the shot that whizzed past his head convinced him to reassess his strategy. One man pulled a knife, the other aimed his 38. Chris wished this were only a nightmare, but it wasn't. Just as real as the aim that darted out and pulled him through an open doorway as both knife and bullet came perilously close to where he stood. Too close.

To be continued.

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2. CARE or TREATMENT rendered
3. DIAGNOSIS or diagnosis code
4. Breakdown of CHARGES and/or NAME
5. ADDRESS
6. S.S. # number

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