

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
50TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The meeting of the Appropriations Committee was called to order by Chairman Rep. Gene Donaldson on January 27, 1987, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with Reps. Winslow, Iverson, Menahan, Nathe, and Quilici arriving after roll call. Also present were Judy Rippingale, LFA and Denise Thompson, secretary.

(13:A:0.50)

HB 357:

Rep. Bardanouve presented HB 357 to the committee on behalf the the Legislative Finance Committee, as a result of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's review of some budgets last year and reviews by the Legislative Auditor and the Office of Budget and Program Planning. It is an attempt to have a better control of the appropriations and agencies, by requiring agencies to carry out the intent of the legislature. In order to expend an operating budget, you must have approval from the appropriate authority.

It will also require that appropriations will be subject to approval by August 1.

PROPOSERS:

There were no proponents to the bill.

OPPOSERS:

(13:A:6.30) Mr. Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Management and Fiscal Affairs, Montana University System, spoke against the bill. He stated that this bill provides a continuation of a trend toward more budgeting detail, more paperwork, and more employee overhead at a time when we can least afford it. It attempts to make state government more accountable and more efficient. It will intensify the involvement of the legislature in the execution of the management decisions of the state.

(13:A:9.25) Is it efficient and is it effective. He felt that efficiency could be defined as doing the things

required in a timely and cost efficient manner. Effectiveness is doing the right things. In his opinion, this bill is asking them to do the wrong things. Agency directors and program managers need to be more creative, they need more flexibility, not less. State government is best run by hiring good administrators. It can not be run via an appropriation bill or a sophisticated accounting system.

(13:A:12.46) The tape was defective from this point on.

Rep. Bardanouve closed on the bill stating this procedure gives the legislature a tool to know how money is being spent.

Rep. Donaldson said the bill changes the statute rather than adding it in the appropriations bill as it has been in the past.

Mrs. Rippingale stated that the agencies would have the same flexibility as they do now, they just have to report to the legislature when they make a change. There is no penalty for not complying but it did give the legislature the tool of knowing that something is being done.

The hearing was closed on HB 357.

HB 391:

Rep. Thoft presented his bill stating the bill would allow the Historical Society to expend deferred revenues.

PROPOSERS

Mr. Bob Archibald, Director, Montana Historical Society supported the legislation. He stated the bill would allow them to operate in compliance with existing law which was changed in 1983. The method of using subscription income to pay current expenses had been followed since the magazine was set up. When the law changed, it left them in non-compliance. Therefore, they need this legislation in order for them to continue the publication of the Montana Magazine.

Rep. Miller expressed concern with the bill. He checked and discovered that old books were valued at \$58,000 in an attempt to make the budget appear balanced and make it appear that the magazine was not running in the red. Mr. Archibald stated that the Auditor's office told them that a value had to be placed on the books and that was what was done. That was not used to balance the budget. They have always used the subscription funds for current level expenses. If this bill is not passed, they will have to

have an appropriation of \$150,000 or would have to discontinue the magazine which would mean that they would have to get from the state \$150,000 to pay prepaid subscriptions which would be outstanding.

Rep. Miller moved that this bill be placed in the Institutions Subcommittee for a hearing.

He felt the magazine should be self supporting but agreed that a certain percentage should be paid to assist.

Rep. Menahan spoke against the motion saying the magazine was an effective advertising tool for the state and should be supported.

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

HB 357 - Rep. Menke moved that HB 357 DO PASS. Rep. Quilici called the question. Reps. Rehberg, Bradley and Connelly voted NO. The motion CARRIED.

HB 391 - Rep. Miller moved that HB 391 be moved to Institutions Subcommittee to determine the fate of the magazine.

Reps. Thoft, Iverson, Connelly and Switzer spoke against the motion.

Rep. Bardanouve suggested that the committee ask the Long Range Subcommittee for funds to help them.

Rep. Menahan again stated that this magazine is an asset to Montana and should be supported.

Rep. Bardanouve made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION that the committee hold the bill until February 15. Rep. Quilici called the question. There was a roll call vote. Reps. Bardanouve, Manuel, Menahan, Miller, Nathe, Poulsen, and Swift voted YES. Reps. Donaldson, Thoft, Winslow, Bradley, Connelly, Devlin, Iverson, Menke, Peck, Rehberg, Spaeth, Swift, and Switzer voted NO. The motion FAILED by a vote of 7 to 13.

Rep. Miller's motion was voted on. There was a roll Call vote. Reps. Devlin, Miller, Quilici, Swift, and Switzer voted YES. Reps. Donaldson, Thoft, Winslow, Bardanouve, Bradley, Connelly, Iverson, Manuel, Menahan, Menke, Nathe, Poulsen, Rehberg, and Spaeth voted NO. The motion FAILED by a vote of 5 to 15.

Rep. Thoft moved HB 391 DO PASS. Rep. Quilici called the question. There was a roll call vote. Rep. Miller voted

NO. All others voted YES. The motion carried by a vote of 19 to 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gene Donaldson", written over a horizontal line.

Rep. Gene Donaldson
Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

Date 4/27/89

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
DONALDSON, GENE (Chairman)	✓		
THOFT, BOB (Vice Chairman)	✓		
WINSLOW, CAL (Vice Chairman)	✓ late		
BARDANOUVE, FRANCIS	✓		
BRADLEY, DOROTHY	✓		
CONNELLY, MARY ELLEN	✓		
DEVLIN, GERRY	✓		
IVERSON, DENNIS	✓ late		
MANUEL, REX	✓		
MENAHAN, WILLIAM "RED"	✓ late		
MENKE, LARRY	✓		
MILLER, RON	✓		
NATHE, DENNIS	✓ late		
PECK, RAY	✓		
POULSEN, HAROLD	✓		
QUILICI, JOE	✓ late		
REHBERG, DENNIS	✓		
SPAETH, GARY	✓		
SWIFT, BERNIE	✓		
SWITZER, DEAN	✓		

ROLL CALL VOTE

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE

DATE 1/27/87 BILL NO. House Bill NUMBER 391

NAME	AYE	NAY
Rep. Gene Donaldson, Chairman		✓
Rep. Bob Thoft, Vice Chairman		✓
Rep. Cal Winslow, Vice Chairman		✓
Rep. Francis Bardanouve		✓
Rep. Dorothy Bradley		✓
Rep. Mary Ellen Connelly		✓
Rep. Gerry Devlin	✓	
Rep. Dennis Iverson		✓
Rep. Rex Manuel		✓
Rep. Red Menahan		✓
Rep. Larry Menke		✓
Rep. Ron Miller	✓	
Rep. Dennis Nathe		✓
Rep. Ray Peck		✓
Rep. Harold Poulsen		✓
Rep. Joe Quilici	✓	
Rep. Dennis Rehberg		✓
Rep. Gary Spaeth		✓
Rep. Bernie Swift	✓	
Rep. Dean Switzer	✓	

TALLY MOTION FAILED

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Secretary

Chairman

MOTION: Rep. Miller moved that HB 391 be referred to the
Institutions Subcommittee for a hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Rep. Red Menahan	✓	
Rep. Larry Menke	✓	
Rep. Ron Miller		✓
Rep. Dennis Nathe	✓	
Rep. Ray Peck	✓	
Rep. Harold Poulsen	✓	
Rep. Joe Ouilici	✓	
Rep. Dennis Rehberg	✓	
Rep. Gary Spaeth	✓	
Rep. Bernie Swift	✓	
Rep. Dean Switzer	✓	

TALLY

Passed

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Denise Thompson
Secretary

Gene Donaldson
Chairman

MOTION: Rep. Thoft moved HB 391 DO PASS.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Rep. Francis Bardanouve	✓	
Rep. Dorothy Bradley		✓
Rep. Mary Ellen Connelly		✓
Rep. Gerry Devlin		✓
Rep. Dennis Iverson		✓
Rep. Rex Manuel	✓	
Rep. Red Menahan	✓	
Rep. Larry Menke		✓
Rep. Ron Miller	✓	
Rep. Dennis Nathe	✓	
Rep. Ray Peck		✓
Rep. Harold Poulsen	✓	
Rep. Joe Quilici		✓
Rep. Dennis Rehberg		✓
Rep. Gary Spaeth		✓
Rep. Bernie Swift	✓	
Rep. Dean Switzer		✓

TALLY

MOTION FAILED

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Denise Thompson
Secretary

Rep. Gene Donaldson
Chairman

MOTION: Rep. Bardanouve moved to Hold HB 391 in committee until
February 15, 1987.

