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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jan Brown, on January 12, 1989,
at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All members present, except:

Members Excused: Reps. Helen O'Connell and Carolyn Squires

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Judy Burggraff, Secretary; Lois Menzies,
Staff Researcher

Announcements/Discussion: Chairman Brown said that Rep. Cobb has requested that we cancel the hearing today for HB 74, which he is sponsoring, as the people testifying from the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services could not be present. She said that she would reschedule HB 74. HB 26 is in subcommittee still awaiting a fiscal note. HB 72 and HB 78 also are awaiting fiscal notes.

HEARING ON HB 75

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. John Mercer, House District 50, said HB 75 is introduced by request of the Legislative Finance Committee. The bill changes the accounting procedure for vocational-technical center student fees by requiring these fees to be deposited in a state fund designated by the Department of Administration, rather than the Board of Regents. It also provides that expenditure of the student fees is subject to budget limitations, currently the fees are not subject to such limitations. This exemption was necessary when the vocational-technical centers were being transferred to the Board of Regents. Now it is necessary to remove this provision to put the vocational-technical centers in line with the other units of the university system. He also said he wanted to amend the bill (Exhibit 1).

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group They Represent:

Jack Noble, Deputy Commissioner for Management and
Fiscal Affairs, Montana University System

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

JACK NOBLE said that when monies are deposited in the treasury, the fees must be put into the category that has been designated for the funds. He said with the proposed amendment he would support the bill.

Questions From Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor: None

DISPOSITION OF HB 75

Motion: Rep. Nelson moved DO PASS, seconded by Rep. Moore.

Discussion: None

Amendments and Votes: Submitted by the sponsor (Exhibit1);
Rep. Russell seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED
unanimously.

Recommendation and Vote: Rep. Phillips moved DO PASS AS
AMENDED, seconded by Rep. Compton. The motion CARRIED
unanimously.

HEARING ON HB 84

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Stella Jean Hansen, House District 57, said that she was sponsoring the bill at the request of the Missoula County Clerk & Recorder's Office. The present law states that if a bond election is held at a general city election or at a special election, notice of the election must be given. Currently, the law requires that the notice be posted in each voting precinct at least 10 days before the election and that the notice be published at least once a week for the three successive weeks before the election on radio or television or in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdiction where the election will be held (13-1-108, MCA). This bill permits the notice to be posted

either in the voting precincts or published on radio or television or in a newspaper.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group They Represent:

None

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Questions From Committee Members:

REP. NELSON asked if school bond elections shouldn't be included if others are going to be exempt. REP. WHALEN asked if Rep. Hansen had talked to Dolores Colburg about this to see if she had any objection to including school bond elections in the exemption.

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hansen said that if you think you can change the bill to include the school bond elections, it would be all right. She said she thought school bond elections would be dealt with in another section.

DISPOSITION OF HB 84

Motion: Rep. Campbell moved DO PASS, seconded by Rep. Spring.

Discussion: REP. ROTH said he thought the bill could be amended on the House Floor to include the exemption for school bond elections. REP. COCCHIARELLA thought it would save the counties a lot of time and expense. REP. NELSON asked for Lois Menzies, Staff Researcher, to give a clarification on the bill and to delay any action. REP. CAMPBELL withdrew his motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 9:22 a.m.



REP. JAN BROWN, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep. Jan Brown, Chairman	✓		
Rep. Helen O'Connell, Vice Ch.			✓
Rep. Vicki Cocchiarella	✓		
Rep. Ervin Davis	✓		
Rep. Floyd "Bob" Gervais	✓		
Rep. Janet Moore	✓		
Rep. Angela Russell	✓		
Rep. Carolyn Squires			✓
Rep. Vernon Westlake	✓		
Rep. Timothy Whalen	✓		
Rep. Bud Campbell	✓		
Rep. Duane Compton	✓		
Rep. Roger DeBruycker	✓		
Rep. Harriet Hayne	✓		
Rep. Richard Nelson	✓		
Rep. John Phillips	✓		
Rep. Rande Roth	✓		
Rep. Wilbur Spring, Jr.	✓		

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on State Administration report that House Bill 75 (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended .

Signed: 
Jan Brown, Chairman

And, that such amendments to House Bill 75 read as follows:

1. Page 1, line 19.

Strike: "in" through "the" on line 20

2. Page 1, line 20.

Strike: "department" through "fees" on line 21

EXHIBIT 1
DATE 1-12-89
HB 75

AMEND H.B. 75 as follows:

P. 1, lines 19 and 20, strike "in the fund designated by the"

Lines 20 and 21, delete "department of administration"

Line 21, strike "for the receipt of such fees"

