

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairman Norm Mills, on March 4, 1997, at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Norm Mills, Chairman (R)
Rep. Chris Ahner, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)
Rep. Matt Denny (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener (D)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Bill Carey (D)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Services Division
Debbie Thompson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 51 -2/19
SB 159-2/19
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 159

Sponsor: Sen. Greg Jergeson, SD 46 {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.9; Comments: introduced the bill.}

Proponents: Gordon Morris, MACO

John Cadby, Montana Bankers Association

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.5-12.8; Comments: Sen. Jergeson explained there were other statutes that related to banking, this bill only took care of one problem; Cadby explained that the current requirement was for counties to distribute what little money they had in local banks, however the bulk of the money was invested in the Board of Investment pool, some separately invested with local stock brokers and put out to bid for all financial institutions. He said the money that is put out for bid now does not comply with current law.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Jergeson closed.

HEARING ON SB 51

Sponsor: Sen. John Hertel, SD 47 {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.0-21.6; Comments: cost of living adjustment determined by using formula used by other county employees in 7-4-2504.}

Proponents: Gordon Morris, MACO {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.0; Comments: coordinates section of salary relative to other sections of law.}

Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.7; Comments: helps in uniform accounting of county salaries.}

Opponents: Joe Connell, Chief Probation Officer, Fifth Judicial District, EXHIBIT 1 {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.0-30.7; Comments: discussed his bill draft that deals with cost of living at 100% not up to 100%; no staff increases yet youth violators up 16%; need longevity for 5 years of service.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.0-27.2; Comments: Rep. Bergman questioned why parole officers, as county employees, should be different; Rep. Bookout questioned longevity, Morris replied they were looking for transferability of longevity.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Hertel closed {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.2; Comments: legislation not intended to be a salary increase, trying to be on the same level as other county employees.}

Rep. Kottel will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.



REP. NORM MILLS, Chairman



DEBBIE THOMPSON, Secretary

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