

No. 138

HOUSE BILL NO. 174, 1941—MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY—APPROPRIATIONS—EMPLOYEES IN PHYSICAL PLANT, appropriation for at Montana State University

Held: Appropriation was provided for the following specific purposes:

1. For fully restoring the wage decreases of 1933.
2. For adjustment of the hours or days of work of the employees who were working a seven-day week to a six-day week.
3. To employ additional employees to perform the work resulting from the shortening of the above work week.

June 6, 1941.

Honorable C. W. Leaphart
Acting President
Montana State University
Missoula, Montana

Dear Mr. Leaphart:

You have asked for an interpretation of an opinion on that part of House Bill No. 174 relating to the use of physical plant appropriations, which is item three of Section (2):

“For adjustment and restoration of wage decreases of 1933, not retroactive, for employees’ salaries in physical plant, Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars—\$5,240.00.”

Item three of Section (3) is as follows:

“For adjustment and restoration of wage decreases of 1933, not retroactive, for employees’ salaries in the physical plant, eight thousand two hundred forty dollars—\$8,240.00.”

It is to be noted this appropriation was passed specifically for the following purposes: First, for the purpose of fully restoring the wage decreases of 1933; second, for the adjustment of hours or days of work of the employees who were working a seven-day week to a six-day week;

and third, to employ additional employees to perform the necessary work resulting from the shortening of the above work week.

With the foregoing interpretation in mind, the working out of the details is properly a part of the discretion vested in the persons charged with the administration of the act.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. BONNER
Attorney General