

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR EDUCATION

January 12, 1977
Room 132, 10:10 a. m.
State Capitol Building
Subject: State Historical Society

The Appropriations Sub-Committee on Education meeting was called to order this date by Chairman South. All members were present.

Mr. Henry S. Ruegamer, President of the Montana Historical Society, introduced the Board Members which were present at the meeting. They include: Mrs. Charles A. Bovey, past President; Mr. Anthony Dalich, Great Falls; Mrs. Louis W. Hagener, Vice President; Mr. Joseph Reber, attorney; Mr. Randall Swanberg, Secretary; Mr. James Vanderbeck; and Mrs. Wilbur Werner, past president.

Mr. Ruegamer stated that the Historical Society has been in existence since 1865. He then introduced the Director of the Montana Historical Society, Mr. Korte.

Mr. Korte introduced the second budgeting process which requested for: Agency--\$1,990,666.00, Governor--\$1,773,673.00, and LFA--\$1,029,918.00. He stated that the Historical Society is in need of additional manpower and money (testimony attached).

Senator Warden stated that most of the requests, if not all of them, are justified. She is planning to introduce a bill to the Senate in support of the Historical Societies requests. Also, she stated that the Archival Program will not be able to operate if they are not given what they need.

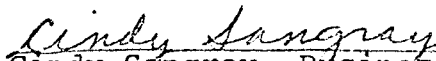
Ms. Maggie Davis, volunteer guide for the Historical Society, said that there are serious gaps in the history of the Indian and also in recent history. It is very difficult to give the customers a complete picture of the history in Montana.

Mr. Larry Huggins submitted a budget corrections. (attached) Chairman South stated that the committee will have typewritten questions for the Historical Society Board to consider and answer in writing.

Questions about the \$60,000 budget amendment which the committee did not see why the money was authorized to increase expenditures without the money actually being available were brought up. Also, the \$27,000 unrecorded liability at the end of the fiscal year 1976 which did not reconcile with the Governor's recommendation was questioned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.


CARROLL SOUTH, CHAIRMAN


Cindy Sangray, Business/Industry Sec.