

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATION

February 18, 1977
8:00 A. M.
Room 132
State Capitol Building

Subject: State Historical Society

Chairman Carroll South called the meeting to order.
Members of committee present were:

Sen. Matt Himsl
Sen. Larry Fasbender
Rep. Ora Halvorson
Rep. Jack K. Moore
Rep. Oscar Kvaalen

Also present were Judy Rippingale, Fiscal Analyst, and Senator Margaret Warden.

There was a brief meeting at 8:00 before members of committee went to the State Historical Society in the Pioneer Memorial Building to talk with staff and inspect facilities.

Members discussed the problem of security guards for the museum and the historical library. At the present time Central Service guards and Historical Society guards both work at this location but it appears to be an unsatisfactory arrangement for both sides. There are 1.5 FTE for guard position under Historical Society at the present time. The Historical Society would like to have their FTE increased to 2.5 with their own guards doing all of the work there.

Rep. Kvaalen said that he had originally recommended that the FTE be increased to 2.5. The committee wondered why they had not received the information which they requested be given them for consideration at the time of the hearing. No information has been received to date.

The Historical Society has also requested a new security alarm. The one which is presently in use malfunctions and sounds with any movement at all near or by the doors. It has set off prematurely on different occasions and has been answered by local law enforcement officers.

At the present time the staff at the Historical Society cannot complete their work for the rest of fiscal year in the library, filing system or archives because of lack of funds. A deficit has been created because of a book which the Historical Society sponsored. The book, Not In Precious Metals Alone, did not sell as expected and has caused a loss of approximately \$27,000. A grant was received of \$10,000 but there is still a loss of \$17,000 in this area. Also, various bicentennial activities and bookkeeping have helped to

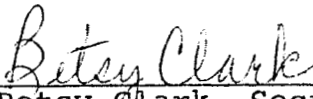
create a loss in funds which was unexpected but had to be met. Therefore, at the present time the Historical Society would like \$20,000 to continue their work for the remainder of the year.

There was discussion regarding the amount of space available in the building which houses the Historical Society and the priorities which will probably have to be set concerning what can be preserved at the museum. There is a HB 228 which deals with records and management problems faced by the Historical Society and is pending before the House at the present time. HB 228, if passed, would provide some guidelines and system regarding what would be saved and preserved.

Formal meeting adjourned at 8:45 A. M. and committee members went to the Pioneer Memorial Building to meet with staff of Historical Society. No tape was made of this meeting.



CARROLL V. SOUTH, CHAIRMAN



Betsy Clark, Secretary