

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

March 9, 1977
8:00 A. M.
Room 132
State Capitol Building

Subject: Work Session

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll South.
The following members of committee were present:

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

John La Faver and John Krutar were also present for the meeting.

Chairman South briefed the committee on the amount of funds that had been held over by the Bureau of Mines. There was \$42,000 of actual operation money held over. The amount of \$25,000 of this amount was authorized to hire a deputy director for the Bureau. This position was not filled. The balance was \$17,000 and would fit into Capital and Repair Operational Base. It should be put back into this biennium's operational base of the budget.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender that the amount of \$17,000 be put back into the operational base of the budget.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sen. Jack Moore to allow the deputy director in Fiscal 1978 and 1979.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sen. Fasbender that the recommendation of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst be adopted and that the capital expenditures for 1978-79 with the adjustments that would be necessary for plugging in money that should be spent for capital in 1976 and was held over until 1977.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rep. Kvaalen that the committee plan to appropriate \$70,000 each year for a total of \$140,000 for the study of ground water which had been started in eastern Montana, called for in Resolution No. 54. Rep. Willie Day had been instrumental in developing this study which had been started with funds

appropriated the last session but had not been completed due to lack of funds. The program requires three FTE and is under the direction of the Bureau of Mines. There was some discussion of this study and it was clarified in the motion that when this particular study called for in Resolution No. 54 is finished, if it is early in the biennium, that the remainder of the funds are to revert to the state general fund.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rep. Jack Moore that the Committee approve the position of engineering geologist at the Bureau of Mines and that the funds necessary be appropriated as requested by the Bureau in their budget request.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding a request made by the Co-op Extension Service Multilith Department. They have requested that the Multilith Department be separate, apart and no longer under the control of the Legislature. The account was first in unrestricted funds and has been under the appropriation and control of the Legislature. It has now been moved into a designated account.

A motion was made by Rep. Ora Halvorson that the Co-op Extension Service be allowed to separate the Multilith Department and to be apart and separated from legislative control. It was further requested by the committee that the Legislative Fiscal Analyst re-work the budget to be sure that no capital is being built into the base of the budget for expenditures of this department.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rep. Jack Moore that the committee accept the recommendation of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to appropriate the restricted funds.

The voting was as follows:

Rep. South	- aye
Sen. Fasbender	- aye
Rep. Moore	- aye
Sen. Himsl	- aye
Rep. Halvorson	- no
Rep. Kvaalen	- no

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rep. Jack Moore that the committee approve the position and appropriate funds for the hiring of an entomologist for the Co-op Extension Service as requested by them in their budget request for new programs and positions. This would be one FTE.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rep. Jack Moore that the committee approve the position and appropriate funds for the hiring of a plant pathologist for the Co-op Extension Service as requested by them in their budget request for new programs and positions. This would be a 1/2 FTE.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rep. Ora Halvorson that the committee approve the position and appropriate funds for the hiring of a dairy specialist for the Co-op Extension Service as requested by them in their budget request for new programs and positions. This would be one FTE.

The voting was as follows:

Sen. Himsl	- aye
Rep. South	- aye
Sen. Fasbender	- aye
Rep. Halvorson	- aye
Rep. Kvaalen	- no
Rep. Moore	- no

Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the organization KEEP which is under the Co-op Extension Service of MSU. The amount of \$36,000 is built into the current level operating budget of the Extension Service for KEEP.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender to eliminate the KEEP Program from the budget and a motion made by Rep. Halvorson to re-fund the KEEP program for the amount of \$36,000 that is already built into the budget with the understanding that the organization begin to seek other funding.

Both motions were withdrawn and Rep. Jack Moore made a motion to consider the KEEP Program at the meeting March 10 when more information would be available to the committee.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

Sen. Larry Fasbender refrained from voting.

Rep. Joe Kanduch, Sr., entered the meeting to speak in behalf of the funding of a position for extension forester. In 1960 the position was discontinued under the extension service and Rep. Kanduch feels that the private timber owners badly need the expertise and advice of an extension forester when considering the sale of timber on their lands. The amount that would be needed to fund this position would be \$75,109. This would include secretarial help. Sen. Fasbender said that he felt this might be a position that could be included into the office of the state forester but Rep. Kvaalen said that he felt the place for a forester is under the Extension Service. Rep. Halvorson said that she felt that the private timber owners are seeking technical advice and she wondered if a position under the extension service would include quite a bit of research.

It was decided to discuss the funding of a position of extension forester at a later date.

There was a motion made by Rep. Kvaalen that the committee approve the EDAEM Community Development and appropriate the necessary funding.

The voting was as follows:

Sen. Himsl	- aye
Rep. South	- aye
Rep. Halvorson	- aye
Rep. Kvaalen	- aye
Sen. Fasbender	- no
Rep. Moore	- no

Motion carried.

Rep. J. D. Lynch entered the meeting to speak in behalf of the funding of needed equipment for the Bureau of Mines. S. L. "Sid" Groft and Larry Wiegand also spoke of the need for two instruments that would up-grade the laboratories at the Bureau of Mines. The request is for two instruments--one costs \$90,000 and the other costs \$140,000. It is called an electro-spectroscope and is used with a computer. It was said that because of the sophistication of the instrument, it will not share a computer, thus making both instruments necessary. Mr. Groft said that a request was made for these instruments two years ago. At that time the cost was \$120,000 for something similiar. Mr. Groft said that the workload is growing at the laboratory and so is the cost of the needed instruments. The life span of the instruments is about ten years. There was discussion as to whether service for work done with these instruments could be chargeable. Mr. Groft said that most of their outside work is for such departments as the universities, State Fish and Game, Bureau of Land Management, State Department of Health and other cooperative work for the U. S. Geological Survey. He said that he didn't feel it was right to charge for many of these services. He said that he didn't feel it was right to charge when work was in the interest of the state and this is usually the case. He further said that he feels that the Bureau is in real need of more modern equipment in their laboratories