

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

March 21, 1977
11:00 A. M.
Room 132
State Capitol Building

Subject: Work Session

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carroll South.

The following members were present:

Sen. Larry Fasbender
Sen. Matt Hims1
Rep. Oscar Kvaalen
Rep. Jack Moore

Rep. Ora Halvorson was excused.

Chairman South briefed the Committee on the Fire Training School which has been a part of the Vocational-Technical Center at Great Falls. He informed the Committee that a bill had passed in the Senate which took the Fire Training School out of the Vocation-Education and put it under the State Board of Education.

Chairman South said that the Committee would need to consider an appropriation for rent funds since the Academy might choose to no longer be at the Vo-Tech Center. If they choose to remain housed at the Center, they will have to start paying rent for facilities there. South said that they are not paying rent to Vo-Tech now and they may not want to stay there.

Rep. Jack Moore said that he saw no reason for the Fire Academy to not stay where they were--that he thought the new addition built there recently would be a good place for their training courses to be taught. He said that he thought the Committee should write a letter of intent and insist that the Fire Academy stay where they are at this time at the Vo-Tech Center. Sen. Hims1 questioned whether the Committee had the right to say where they should be.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender that a letter of intent be written stating that it is the intent of the Legislative Committee that the Fire Academy continue to hold classes at the Vo-Tech Center and continue to be housed at the Center in Great Falls. Further, that personnel costs will remain at the same level. An amount of \$15,000 will be appropriated to off-set expenditures at Vo-Tech.

All voted aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the transfer of personnel from the State Fish and Game Commission to the State Historical Society. It was the understanding that this transfer was made because of the nature of work that was being done by employees at the State Fish and Game would be more appropriate in the Historical Society.

The work that was being done was archeological and architectural and it was felt by the Historical Society that the work was being done by persons who were not qualified. Further, federal grants were being threatened because of the lack of qualifications by those doing the work.

The Historical Society wanted the positions of Historian, Archeologist and Architect for the work that they need to do. In addition, they would like to have a Grantsman.

One FTE has already been transferred from the Fish and Game Office to the Historical Society and another one is yet to be transferred. In addition to FTE, there is \$25,000 General Funds and \$25,000 Federal Funds, which are appropriated by Legislature, to also be transferred to the Historical Society. This amount would maintain current level.

The Director will be the same person now directing the Historical Society. The purpose of the transfer is to further continue work in the area of preservation. There is also a need for technical advice. If the transfer isn't completed, they will probably lose federal funding because the employee qualifications will not be what is required by the grant.

Sen. Kvaalen questioned the transfer and the need for these positions in the Historical Society. He said that he wondered if this transfer was statutory or just "something we picked up". He also wondered if the Committee over the Fish and Game Commission had taken this amount out of their budget for the transfer. Chairman South said that this amount had been taken out of the budget and will be transferred to Historical Society.

A motion was made by Sen. Larry Fasbender that the Committee adopt the transfer from Fish and Game Commission and that the program that has been outlined be approved at least so it can be further studied by the Committee and also by the Appropriations Committee.

The voting was as follows:

Sen. Himsl	- aye
Sen. Fasbender	- aye
Rep. Moore	- aye
Rep. South	- aye

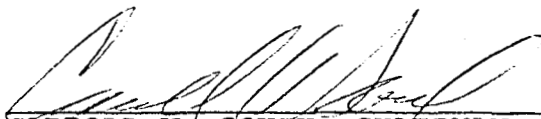
Rep. Kvaalen	- no
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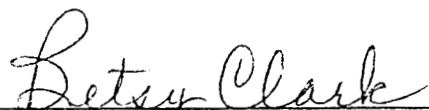
Motion carried.

Rep. Kvaalen felt that the Historical Society should appear before the full Appropriations Committee to further state the reasons for the transfer of the employees.

Both Rep. Moore and Sen. Fasbender said that there should be some investigation and a further study by the Full Appropriations Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.
There will be another meeting of the Education Sub-Committee at 11:00, March 22, 1977.


CARROLL V. SOUTH, CHAIRMAN


Betsy Clark, Secretary