

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
FINANCE AND CLAIMS  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 5, 1977

The first meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met on the above date in room 331 of the State Capitol. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Thiessen at 8:35 A.M. Roll call attached.

Sub-Committee assignments were discussed in regard to the overlapping of assignments, and thus duplication of work in some areas.

John LaFavor, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, discussed the major changes in the sub-committee structure and distributed a copy to the members, exhibit 1. He said the theory was to keep as much as possible, the related fields together as well as to balance the work loads. He said there was no change in the institutions sub-committee since that was already more than a full time job but would be impractical to split up.

Senator Thiessen gave copies of the new sub-committee assignments to the members of the committee, copy attached, exhibit 2. He said there would be two changes: The names of Agency I and Agency II would be put back on the titles.

John LaFavor also named the staff members who would be serving on the sub-committees as well as to Finance and Claims, and are as follows:

Finance and Claims	Judy Rippingale
Institutions	Tom Briggs
Elected Officials	Bill Gosnell
Education	Judy Rippingale
Agency I	Curt Nichols
Agency II	Bob Robinson
Long Range Building	Judy Rippingale (etc)

Senator Boylan asked the fiscal analyst if there were some way to avoid "back-dooring". He said after the budgets were set bills would be passed that changed the amount of money that had been budgeted by the committees.

John LaFavor said there will be a constant check on all bills introduced that will affect the budgets and the sub-committee chairmen will be kept informed, thus hoping to avoid this problem.

Senator Smith asked if it were possible to control the increase of staff or salaries by the agencies, departments, etc, which had not been allocated in the budget.

Senator Etchart asked if it were possible to change the order of introducing the budget bills. He felt when a proposed budget was introduced that they had not had a chance to work on it gave a paper bill to work on and fight, not reality. He felt the Governor's introduced bill gave the sub-committees a disadvantage.

Senator Smith pointed out the Education budget last session and what happened. He said the Governor's introduced bill set a raise for the universities. The sub-committees cut the introduced bill while still raising the universities 32% increase over the past biennium. He said people actually thought the Legislature had cut the university budget, not realizing the raise.

Discussion was held on comparison figures of an introduced bill for carrying the bill on the floor, the extent of control the Legislature has on university spending the Legislature has, and the change of sub-committees in regard to the Superintendent of Schools.

John LaFavor said the Supreme Court decision was clear that line item appropriations by the Legislature is legal and proper.

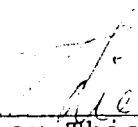
Legislative interns for Senators Smith and Regan were present at the meeting.

Asked about files for sub-committee records, Mr. LaFavor said he understood they would be available in the House and perhaps in the Senate in the room in which the committee members had their first meeting of the day.

Senator Thiessen requested the sub-committee chairmen to meet with the sub-committee chairmen from the house and tell them they were available immediately. He also asked them to give the secretary of Finance and Claims the time and topic of discussion for their meetings and it would be posted on the bulletin board in room 331.

Senator Thiessen requested members making trips to list with the Secretary of the Senate office that it was on state business so that they were not merely listed as "excused".

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Senator Thiessen, Chairman

MTG: Joint Senate & House, Governor's reception room for briefing on budget--Jan 6 9 A.M.

MTG: Joint Senate Finance & Claims and Taxation, Jan 12, 8 A.M. Taxation Committee Room.

*Secretary Finance & Claims*

Exhibit #1-

Appropriations - Finance and Claims

Joint Subcommittees

1. Agencies I

Labor and Industry  
Health and Environmental Sciences  
Community Affairs  
Business Regulation  
Public Service Regulation

2. Education

Board of Public Education  
OSPI  
Operations  
Foundation  
School Lunch  
Transportation  
5 Vo-tech Centers  
Vocational, Secondary & Post Secondary  
Advisory Council for Vo-ed  
Library Commission  
Historical Society  
Arts Council  
School for Deaf and Blind  
Community Colleges  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
Bureau of Mines  
Agricultural Experiment Station  
Cooperative Extension Service  
Board of Regents  
University of Montana  
Montana State University  
Eastern Montana College  
Western Montana College  
Northern Montana College  
Mt. College of Mineral Science & Technology

3. Agencies II

Fish and Game  
State Lands  
Livestock  
Agriculture  
Natural Resources  
Professional and Occupational Licensing  
Social and Rehabilitation Services

4. Institutions

Central Office  
Boulder River School and Hospital  
Children's Center  
Center for the Aged  
Eastmont Training Center  
Galen State Hospital  
Mountain View School  
Pine Hills School  
Prison  
Swan River Youth Forest Camp  
Veterans' Home  
Warm Springs State Hospital  
Board of Pardons  
Drug Program  
Board of Visitors

5. Legislative, Judicial, Administrative

Legislature  
Legislative Auditor  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Environmental Quality Council  
Governor's Office  
State Auditor  
Secretary of State  
Treasurer  
Judiciary  
County Attorneys  
Administration  
PERS  
Board of Examiners  
Tax Appeals Board  
Justice  
Revenue  
Commissioner of Campaign Finances  
Crime Board  
Military Affairs  
Civil Defense  
Highways

# FINANCE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

*Judy Rippingale*

## INSTITUTIONS SUB-COMMITTEES - *Dan Briggs*

<u>SENATE</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>JOINT SENATE-HOUSE</u>
Flynn, Chairman Etchart	Gerke, Chairman Lund Ellis Hansen	Gerke, Chairman Flynn, V. C.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS SUB-COMMITTEE *Bert Caswell*

Regan, Chairman Lockrem Nelson	Lynch, Chairman Wood Gunderson	Lynch, Chairman Regan, V. C.
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## EDUCATION *Judy Rippingale*

Himsl, Chairman Fasbender	South, Chairman Moore Kvaalen Halvorsen	South, Chairman Himsl, V. C.
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## *Agency #1* HUMAN SERVICES - *Curt Nichols*

Roberts, Chairman Thomas Stephens Pory	Bradley, Chairperson Marks Gunderson	Bradley, Chairperson Roberts, V. C.
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## *Agency #2* NATURAL RESOURCES & BUSINESS REGULATION - *Bob Robinson*

Boylan, Chairman Mehrens Kolstad Smith	Manuel, Chairman Estenson Aageson	Manuel, Chairman Boylan, V. C.
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## LONG RANGE BUILDING - *Judy Rippingale and others*

Fasbender, Chairman Roberts Himsl Etchart	South, Chairman Kvaalen Lund Halvorsen	Fasbender, Chairman South, V. C.
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