

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 6, 1977

The first meeting of the Senate Education Committee was called to order by Chairman Senator Chet Blaylock on the above date in Room 402 of the State Capitol Building at 11:00 A. M.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

The Chairman introduced Jennie Lind, Secretary for the Senate Education Committee, and John A. Bobinski, Committee Attorney.

The Chair also introduced Bob Pyfer of the Montana Code Commission, and Jess Schwidde, intern to Senators Ed Smith and Bill Thomas, and Dennis Rehberg, aide to Senators Mathers and Lockrem.

Chairman Blaylock reminded the members of the Committee that there would be no pairing of votes in committee, and he stated he would run the committee in a fair manner, giving everyone equal chance to speak. He further stated it will be the policy of the Chair that everyone who wants to vote on a bill will have that opportunity.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL No. 17: Chairman Blaylock, in support of the Bill, called upon Bob Pyfer, representing the Code Commission, to give an explanation of Senate Bill 17.

Mr. Pyfer stated that Bill 17 was a recodification bill and explained the Recodification Project which was authorized by the 1975 Legislature for the purpose of arrangement of codes in logical order according to subject matter and setting up a new index system to make it easier to find the laws. Also, the Code Commission has established a uniform drafting system for capitalization, punctuation and numbering. He further explained that the Code Commission, in going over Title 75 pertaining to education laws, ran into certain errors in the laws as written requiring "house keeping" corrections, such as deleting internal references to portions of laws that were repealed; but no substantial changes are requested in Bill 17 that would change the law. Since the Commission has limited authority, clarification of the present form is the major part of this Bill.

Open discussion of the Bill was had with questions raised as to whether or not the meaning and intent of the present law would be changed by such insertions and corrections or if, in the future, the form would be requested changed back. Mr. Pyfer stated that no substantive portion of the code would be changed without being brought before the legislature and that the Code Commission now has a Bill Drafting Manual that sets out form and drafting language for uniform drafting. He further stated that the Commission's intent was to avoid taking up legislators' time in going over small, unsubstantive changes and corrections in the whole Code Section in 1979, and to make the law more clear.

Senator Mathers questioned if it wouldn't be less expensive and time saving to grant the Code Commission authority to make these minor corrections, with Senators Blaylock, Murray and Warden mentioning the suspicion of misuse of such power in the Commission.

Chairman Blaylock then asked for any further discussion; there being none, Senator Fasbender moved that Senate Bill No. 17 DO PASS. The motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote.

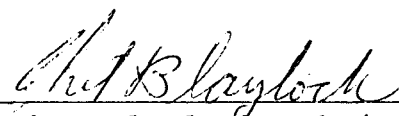
Chairman Blaylock passed out a Montana Fact Sheet of the Western Interstate Commission For Higher Education and explained that he had been contacted by some people who did not want to remain in this Commission. Mention was also made of the exchange programs, particularly for medical students, that would not be available to Montana without the affiliation.

There was limited discussion of this matter with Senator Fasbender mentioning the increase in cost, and Senator Warden stating that the portion pertaining to the services provided by WICHE to the Montana library students and the State Library are vital to Montana.

Chairman Blaylock announced that Larry Pettit, Commissioner of Higher Education, will appear at this Committee on Saturday morning, Jan. 8th, regarding the Post-Secondary Education Commission study of all education systems and what recommendations would be made.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 A.M.


Chet Blaylock, Chairman

COMMITTEE

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REPRESENTING WHOM?

Code Commissioner

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

SP 17

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?



AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 6

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MR. President

We, your committee on EDUCATION

having had under consideration SENATE Bill No. 17

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE Bill No. 17

DO PASS

*Pl.
Sec. to Dir. of Senate*

SENATE COMMITTEE EDUCATION

Date Jan. 6, 1977 Senate Bill No. 17 Time 11:55

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman	✓	
Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman		<i>absent</i>
Senator George McCallum	✓	
Senator Bill Mathers	✓	
Senator William E. Murray	✓	
Senator Frank Dunkle	✓	
Senator Paul Boylan		<i>E. found</i>
Senator Larry Fasbender	✓	
Senator Bill Thomas	✓	
Senator Margaret Warden	✓	

Jennie Lind
Secretary

Chet Blaylock
Chairman

Motion: Senator Larry Fasbender moved for a do pass
recommendation on Senate Bill 17; motion
seconded and carried by unanimous vote of
members present.

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Montana Fact Sheet

WHO BENEFITS FROM WICHE SERVICES?

- WICHE's goal is to help the people of the West work together to improve student access to, and the quality, responsiveness, and effectiveness of, postsecondary education.
- Its primary emphasis is to provide services on a regional basis to aid governors, legislators, educators, and state agencies plan their needs for educational manpower. Most programs directly benefit students, faculty, ethnic minorities, the handicapped, and others.

WHAT TYPE OF PROGRAMS DOES WICHE PROVIDE TO MONTANA?

- Student Exchange Program (SEP)
- Western Council on Higher Education for Nursing (WCHE) and other nursing programs
- Planning Resources in Minority Education (PRIME)
- Resources Development Internship Program (RDIP)
- Mental Health and Human Services
- Western Interstate Library Coordinating Organization (WILCO)

HOW DOES WICHE BENEFIT MONTANA?

- Montana is a full participant in WICHE's Student Exchange Program (SEP), and has sent more exchange students, in recent years, than any other state. During school year 1975-76, 159 Montana students were enrolled in professional schools in other western states through SEP. In addition, Montana is a "receiver" state, under SEP, in the fields of forestry, law, pharmacy, and graduate nursing education.
- All four of Montana's institutions with collegiate nursing programs are members of WICHE's Western Council on Higher Education for Nursing (WCHE) and have appointed seven representatives to the Council.
- Montana State University is a participant in WICHE's Models for Introducing Cultural Diversity in Nursing Curricula project. It is a "demonstration school", and is testing the materials produced in the project to help determine their cultural relevancy.
- Thirteen Montana nurses are working with nurses from 11 other western states in 11 research workgroups under WICHE's Regional Program for Nursing Research Development.

- Columbus Hospital, Great Falls, and Veterans Administration Center, Fort Harrison, are 2 of 11 western hospitals participating in WICHE's Training Nurses to Improve Patient Education project.
- Thirteen Montana residents were among the 139 persons that received special training in the use of analytical techniques in planning for nursing manpower. This training was conducted under WICHE's Analysis and Planning for Improved Distribution of Nursing Personnel and Services project.
- Three Montana residents are active members of WICHE's Western Society for Research in Nursing. They are involved in improving nursing practice through sharing scientific nursing research.
- Montana State University is cooperating with postsecondary institutions in Idaho and Wyoming under WICHE's Continuing Education for Nurses in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming project. They are coordinating plans to share scarce resources.
- Four Montana health service agencies and two institutions of higher education are providing data on needs and resources during Phase I of WICHE's Feasibility Study: Leadership Preparation for Complex Organizations.
- Four Montana residents participated in task forces and advisory groups to the Analysis and Planning project. The Montana State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences received a \$27,560 subcontract from the project. The purpose for the subcontract is to demonstrate a community nurse exchange program between isolated community health nurses and organized local health departments.
- WICHE's Planning Resources in Minority Education (PRIME) program assists the Blackfeet, Fort Peck Sioux and Assiniboine, Crow, and Northern Cheyenne Tribes in postsecondary education program planning. PRIME has assisted Montana State University at Bozeman, Miles Community College, Flathead Community College, and the University of Montana at Missoula in procuring grants during the past four years.
- An intern from WICHE's Resources Development Internship Program (RDIP) completed a study in 1972 concerning the potential for energy conservation in Montana for the Montana Environmental Quality Council.
- In 1974, an RDIP intern completed a study concerning the Environmental Impacts of Saline Seep in Montana for the state's Environmental Quality Council. The project supervisor termed this the most comprehensive treatise yet assembled on this problem in Montana. The 1975 Montana Legislature passed a bill, which the Governor signed, to continue research and education programs in this problem area.
- Lawrence Carlson, Administrator of Montana's Adaptive Services Division is Montana's representative on WICHE's Western Council on Mental Health and Human Services. Phillip Powers, Chief of the Bureau of Mental Health, represented Montana at the Council's meeting held in Denver,

April 1976. One of the problems discussed at that meeting was that of the dangerous mentally ill and how responsibility could be shared in dealing with the problem.

- Montanans from the Department of Institutions, Pine Hills School, and the State Board of Pardons participated, in 1974, in two seven-day training sessions conducted by WICHE's Organization Development in Corrections project.
- Staff from the professional training programs at the Montana State University, and 3 Montana Community mental health centers participated in WICHE's Knowledge and Skill Needs of Community Mental Health project during 1974-76.
- The Director of the Center for Student Development, a counseling psychologist from the University of Montana, Missoula, and staff from Eastern Montana College participated, during 1973-76, in WICHE's Model Applications and Programs Improving Mental Health Services on Western Campuses.
- Montana is one of three primary target states for data collection under WICHE's Survey and Analysis of Training Needs of State Level Mental Health Staff project. The staff of Montana's Department of Institutions will contribute data on both their agency and individual perceptions of their training needs.
- Montana has participated for several years in WICHE's Western Interstate Library Coordinating Organization (WILCO). This is a program to assist western state library agencies in meeting continuing education needs for librarians and to share library resources among the states.
- Montana was an active participant in late 1974 and early 1975 in seeking grant funding to develop a multistate library network for the West. Library telecommunications requirements and system concepts developed by the WILCO staff have been shared by the Montana State Librarian with the Communications Division of the state government, pointing up the need and benefits for intra-state coordination. During the Fiscal Year 1975, five Montana librarians participated in the USOE-funded institute entitled: Training the Trainers to Train for Interlibrary Cooperation and Networking.
- In Fiscal Year 1976, four Montana librarians participated in the USOE-funded training grant entitled: Training in Staff Development, and prepared a staff development model plan for use in the state. WILCO staff consulted with a committee of the Montana Library Association during the first half of 1976 to assist them in developing a state-wide union list of serials. WILCO staff consulted with the librarians of Eastern Montana State College and Billings Public Library regarding interim measures to take for automated cataloging until such time as the Washington Library Network's on-line system becomes available for use.

- In October 1976, WILCO provided consulting assistance to the Montana State Library to verify the appropriateness of the Library as the primary agency to provide on-line reference service to other state agencies and public libraries. Several Montana libraries have participated during Fiscal Year 1976 in a survey of the costs of library operations likely to be impacted by automation. This survey is providing data that may assist Montana libraries in deciding when and how to supplant manual operations with more cost-effective automated operations.

CONCLUSION

WICHE provides:

- SERVICES
- REGIONAL COOPERATION
- CONSULTATION
- INFORMATION