

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 14, 1977

The meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman McCallum on January 14, 1977 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Senator Lockrem, who was excused, and Senator Thiessen.

The following visitors were present: Mrs. Keith Jensen, Willow Creek Cemetery; Mrs. Stella Pratt, Willow Creek Cemetery; John G. Buttelman, Willow Creek Cemetery; Lauren France, Funeral Dir. Assoc.; Patsie Thomas; and Stephen Turkiewicz, Montana Association of Counties.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 64: Senator Murphy, sponsor of Senate Bill 64, gave a brief resume of the bill.

Mr. John G. Buttelman, Willow Creek, Montana, testified in favor of the bill. He stated the Mt. Green Cemetery in Gallatin County is an old and well taken care of cemetery. However, with rising costs and a decreased mill levy valuation it is difficult to maintain the cemetery under the current two mill authorization for cemetery districts in 9-209.

Mrs. Keith Jensen, Secretary of the Cemetery District, testified in favor of the bill giving a summary of the budget from 1974-1977.

Dean Zinnecker, Montana Association of Counties, stated this situation is an illustration of what is happening to local government today. Valuation is decreasing in some communities. He cited the problem addressed by Senate Bill 64 as a good example to support House Bill 122, which allows for the flexibility needed by local government.

Senator Story wanted to know what is causing reduction of valuation in this community.

Senator Murphy stated the landowners law suit against the valuation and appraisal is one reason.

Senator Watt wanted to know if this cemetery district is as large as it should be.

Mr. Buttelman explained this cemetery district is comprised of two school districts.

Senator Murphy stated he did not know how many districts would be affected by this bill. If the local government code revisions pass, this bill will not be needed.

Senator McCallum was concerned that there is no provision in 9-209 to allow county commissioners to alter the budget presented by cemetery board trustees if it is within authorized mill levy limits.

Senator Watt moved the following amendments to Senate Bill 64:

1. Amend title, line 5.

Following: "to"

Strike: "5"

Insert: "4"

2. Amend page 1, section 1, line 19.

Following: "~~two-(2)~~"

Strike: "5"

Insert: "4"

Senator Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Watt moved that Senate Bill 64 be given an "And As So Amended, Do Pass" recommendation. Senator Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called by the Secretary (attached). The motion carried.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

  
Senator George McCallum, Chairman

ROLL CALL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1977

Date 1-14-77

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
George McCallum	✓		
Robert Watt	✓		
Pete Story	✓		
Frank Dunkle	✓		
Lloyd Lockrem			✓
Bob Peterson	✓		
Cornie Thiessen			
Bill Thomas	✓		

SENATE COMMITTEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Date Jan. 14 Bill No. SB64 Time 10:00

NAME	YES	NO
George McCallum, Chairman	✓	
Robert Watt, Vice Chairman	✓	
Pete Story		✓
Frank Dunkle		
Lloyd Lockrem		
Bob Peterson	✓	
Cornie Thiessen		
Bill Thomas	✓	

Mary Miller  
Secretary

George McCallum  
Chairman

Motion: Senate Bill 64 "And As So Amended,  
Do Pass"

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

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

.....January 14..... 1977.....

MR. ~~President~~.....

We, your committee on Local Government.....

having had under consideration Senate..... Bill No. 64.....

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate..... Bill No. 64,  
introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Amend title, line 5.

Following: "to"

Strike: "5"

Insert: "4"

2. Amend page 1, section 1, line 19.

Following "two-{2}"

Strike: "5"

Insert: "7"

AND AS SO AMENDED, DO PASS

REPAY

*PO.*

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

BILL

# VISITORS' REGISTER

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ADDRESS: Killdeer Creek, Mont

REPRESENTING WHOM? Hillman Creek Cemetery

DO YOU:    SUPPORT?   X                        AMEND?                                 OPPOSE?           

COMMENTS: