MINUTES OF THE MEETING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 24, 1977

The meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman McCallum on January 24, 1977 at 9:35 A.M. in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

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

The following visitors were present: E. Raal, M.L.S.; J. L. Johnston, Montana Health Systems Agency; Bob Durkee, V.F.W.; Tony Cumming, American Legion; Tom Conroy, Dist. 58; Roland D. Pratt, Montana Funeral Directors Assoc.; Glen Drake, League of Cities and Towns and Dean Zinnecker, Montana Association of Counties.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 2: Representative Conroy, sponsor of House Bill 2, stated this bill is needed because Custer National Cemetery is almost full and there is a need for more land. The Indians are reluctant to sell land for burial purposes and the forest service does not want to sell land as they feel it might be detrimental to the historical area. There is land available adjacent to Fort Custer. The battlefield will be full by fall.

The following people appeared in support of House Bill 2: Bob Durkee, representing VFW, stated the nearest federal burial ground would be Ft. Mead, South Dakota; Tony Cumming, representing the American Legion; Don Pratt, Executive Director, Montana Funeral Directors Association; Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Association of Counties and Glen Drake, League of Cities and Towns (attached).

Senator Watt wanted to know who may be buried in this cemetery. Mr. Durkee stated that any veteran, who requests burial, or his family, from any where.

Senator Watt moved House Bill 2 be given a "Be Concurred In" recommendation. Senator Peterson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for by the Chairman (attached). The motion carried.

Dale Harris, State Commission on Local Government, was present to explain House Bill 122 to the committee and to answer any questions.

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The areas discussed were, delegation of power on the local level, how the bill came into being, library boards, policemen and firemen's concerns regarding salaries & insurance, assessors' salaries, granting more power to commissioners, and home rule.

ADJOURN: The meeting ajourned at 10:50 A.M. with the next meeting to be Wednesday, January 26, 9:30 A.M. to consider Senate Bills 164 and 175.

Senator Reorge McCallum, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

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45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1977 Date 1-24-77

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

	January 24	19 77
MR. President		
We, your committee on Local Go	vernment	
	House	Bill No 2
Respectfully report as follows: That	House	Bill No2

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BE CONCURRED IN.

Senator George McCallum Chairman

STATE PUB. CO. Helena, Mont.