

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 26, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Senator Towe, Chairman, at 2:50 p.m., in Room 410 of the Capitol Building. Committee members present were Senators Towe, Story, Brown, Rasmussen, Roskie, Jergeson, Blaylock and Devine.

The meeting was called to review Governor Judge's appointments.

Senator Towe announced hearings had been requested on the appointments of Jack Crosser as Director of the Department of Administration and Bill Hunt as Workers' Compensation Judge. They will appear before the committee Monday, January 31, 1977, at 11:00 a.m. in the Governor's Reception Room.

Senator Story moved to confirm the appointment of General John J. Womack as Adjutant General of Montana. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Blaylock moved to confirm the appointment of Dr. A. C. Knight as Director of Health and Environmental Sciences. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Rasmussen moved to confirm the appointment of Harry Anderson as Director of Highways. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Devine moved to confirm the appointment of David Fuller as Commissioner of Labor and Industry. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Jergeson moved to confirm John C. Orth as Director of Natural Resources and Conservation. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Senator Rasmussen moved to confirm the appointment of Ed Carney as Director of Professional and Occupational Licensing. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Blaylock moved to confirm the appointment of Bill Groff as Director of the Department of Revenue until adjournment of the 1977 legislature. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Brown moved to confirm the appointment of Raymon Dore as Director of the Department of Revenue beginning the first day after adjournment of the 1977 legislature. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Brown moved to confirm the appointment of Patrick Melby as Director of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Blaylock moved to confirm the appointment of Norman Grosfield as Administrator of the Workers' Compensation Division. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Devine moved to confirm Kent Kleinkopf as the Director of the Department of Business Regulation.

Senator Brown said there had been some dissent concerning the appointment. He reviewed the evasive answers regarding solicitation of funds for the Governor's campaign, the extraordinary interest of the savings and loans in the appointment, the Chalet business venture and the alleged use of a state airplane.

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Senator Towe stated he was not happy with the answers to the questions on pages 10 and 11 of the transcript of the hearing.

Senator Rasmussen stated he felt the Governor exhibited poor judgment in selecting Kleinkopf for the appointment.

Senator Blaylock stated he had questioned Mr. Kleinkopf further regarding the Workers' Compensation Grand Jury and was satisfied with his response in the transcript.

Senator Story stated that however he decides to vote, it will not be to get at Governor Judge or for any political consideration.

Senator Roskie stated the whole committee felt the same; none of them were out to "get" the Governor, only to avoid a future embarrassment to the state.

Senator Brown moved that the Chairman go to the Governor and ask him to reconsider whether or not he wishes to withdraw the appointment due to reservations by some members of the committee. THE MOTION FAILED ON A TIE VOTE (see attached roll call sheet).

Senator Towe stated in deference to Senator Brown he will approach the Governor regarding the sentiment of the committee.

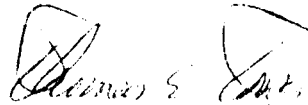
Senator Devine moved that Mr. Kleinkopf be confirmed. THE MOTION CARRIED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (see attached roll call sheet).

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Senator Blaylock requested the appointment be held and not be acted on until the chairman can report to the committee regarding his conversation with the Governor.

SJR 6 Senator Jergeson moved SJR 6 Do Not Pass. THE  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to reconvene on adjournment, Thursday, January 27, 1977.

  
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Thomas E. Towe, Chairman

## State Administrator COMMITTEE

Date 1/28/49

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SENATE COMMITTEE STATE ADMINISTRATION

Date 1/26/79 Kleinkopf Appointment Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Tom Towe, Chairman		X
Senator Pete Story, Vice Chairman	X	
Senator Bob Brown	X	
Senator Tom Rasmussen	X	
Senator George Roskie	X	
Senator John Devine		X
Senator Greg Jergeson		X
Senator Chet Blaylock		X

Jill Robyans  
Secretary

Thomas E. Denny  
Chairman

Motion: by Sen. Brown that Sen. Denny  
ask the Governor to withdraw  
the appointment

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

SENATE COMMITTEE STATE ADMINISTRATION

Date 7/26/77 Kleinkopf  
Reappointment Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Tom Towe, Chairman	X	
Senator Pete Story, Vice Chairman	X	
Senator Bob Brown		X
Senator Tom Rasmussen		X
Senator George Roskie		X
Senator John Devine	X	
Senator Greg Jergeson	X	
Senator Chet Blaylock	X	

Bill Lahey  
 Secretary

Thomas E. DeLuca  
 Chairman

Motion: by Senator Devine that Mr.  
Kleinkopf be confirmed.

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