

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 9, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Senator Story, Vice Chairman, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 410 of the Capitol Building. Committee members present were Senators Story, Brown, Rasmussen, Roskie, Blaylock, Devine, Jergeson, and Senator Towe arriving late.

The following bills were discussed:

- SB 184
- SB 179
- SB 162
- SB 191
- SB 174
- SB 204
- SB 274

SENATE BILL 184

Senator Himsl, District 9, sponsor of the bill, stated the purpose of the bill is to allow members of the legislature to be candidates for another office during their term. He stated half the legislature is disenfranchised at any time and this bill seeks to correct that situation.

There were no proponents or opponents to the bill and no questions by members of the committee and the hearing was closed.

SENATE BILL 179

Senator McCallum, District 12, sponsor of the bill, stated the bill precludes a legislator running for state office but not national office during his term. He would first have to resign before the primary if he wanted to run. He stated he didn't care if his bill or Senator Himsl's came out of committee but definitely felt one or the other should.

There were no proponents or opponents to the bill and no questions by members of the committee and the hearing was closed.

SENATE BILL 162

Senator Himsl, District 9, sponsor of the bill, stated this is a sunset bill and is a phase one approach. It was drawn from the Colorado and Florida laws and is a new concept. The agencies affected are those with licensing, regulating, and rule-making capabilities. They would have to conduct a self-examination and report to the legislature for review. He reviewed the bill section by section for the committee.

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He stated the legislative auditor feels they could handle the reviews without additional staff or expense.

PROPOSERS

Morris Brusett, Legislative Auditor, stated they could handle the situation with existing staff and they do currently have a program audit section and are geared for the program right now.

William Scribner, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants, stated he is in favor of the philosophy of sunset legislation. He stated some concern with the time limits and suggested amending the January 1 dates to March 1 so the legislature would have time act on the recommendations during their sessions.

Forrest Boles, Executive Director of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, stated the second highest priority of the Chamber members is governmenta review and control. He stated support for the measure as being the right approach.

OPPOSERS

Bob Durkee, representing the Veteran's of Foreign Wars stated he was not fully opposing the bill but had questions concerning whether the Board and the Division of Veterans Affairs would be eliminated or just simply the Board.

Tony Cummings, State Adjutant of the American Legion, stated his concern as stated by Mr. Durkee.

There were no further opponents or proponents to the bill and after questions by members of the committee the hearing was closed.

SENATE BILL 191

Senator Hager, District 30, sponsor of the bill, voiced a concern at the turmoil which results wehn a legislator dies or resigns while in office and reviewed the bill section by section for the committee. The bill provides for elections and appointment and determining the appointee by the political party of the predecessor.

There were no opponents or proponents to the bill and no questions by members of the committee and the hearing was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SENATE BILL 174

Senator Blaylock moved to amend page 2, line 6, by striking system and

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inserting account. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Blaylock moved SB 174 Do Pass As Amended. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

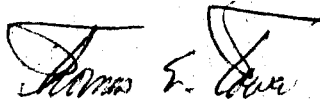
SENATE BILL 204

Senator Blaylock moved SB 204 Do Pass. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATE BILL 274

Senator Blaylock moved SB 274 Do Pass. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to reconvene upon adjournment February 9, 1977.



Thomas E. Towe, Chairman

SB 162

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BILL

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SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

VISITORS' REGISTER

DATE 2/9/77

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	(check one)	
			SUPPORT	OP
Red Gully	MNHA + MSPA	162	X	.
Steve Hermal	Sponsor	162-184	X	
Morris J. Brunett	Legislative Auditor	162		
Diane Langton	observer (Senate page)			
Kathy Grant	observer (Senate page)			
Claudia Denker	OLA	162		
Tom Hag	Sponsor SB 191	191	X	
Ueackle Paddy	MH SA. OBS	162		
W. L. T. V. K.	VAD	162		X
Hugh Cummings	American Legion	162		X
Bob Dinko	VEW	162		X
Tom Scibers	Mont. C P. A. Society	162	X ?	
John	Mont. Const. Fed. Council	162		
James France		162		

NAME: Wm. Scribner DATE: 2-9-76

ADDRESS: Helena

PHONE: 442-8070

REPRESENTING WHOM? Montana Society of C. P. A s

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 162

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? perhaps OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: The Society supports the philosophy of sunset legislation. Query whether the Board of Accountancy should be abolished before the legislature has an opportunity to review the audit of its activities.

NAME: F.H. COLES

DATE: 2-1-57

ADDRESS: Heleah

PHONE: 442-2405

REPRESENTING WHOM? MOINT. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 162

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: Chamber supports the concept of
secret legislation. Roll of membership shows
very poor interest and support for this concept.
Legislation and its associated reports put a heavy
burden on spring business. Certainly
I do oppose legislation many times the worth
of reports are then read by business.

NAME: Ray Dunkel DATE: 7/9/77

DATE: 2/9/77

ADDRESS: Helen

PHONE: _____

REPRESENTING WHOM? VFW

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 2/8/62

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: _____

NAME:

DATE: 2/9/22

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

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AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

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Montana
Student
Lobby

MAE NAN ELLINGSON, LOBBYIST
CARRIE HAHN, ASSISTANT
ACKIE HANSON, ASSISTANT

BOX 4217
HELENA, MT 59601

DATE: February 7, 1977

TO: Members of the State Administration Committee
Senate

FROM: Mae Nan Ellingson, MSL Lobbyist

RE: S.B. 127 Public Hearing

At the February 7 hearing on the lobbyist disclosure bill, I appeared on behalf of the Montana Student Lobby as a proponent of that bill.

Toward the end of the meeting, a Mr. Ed Collins spoke as an opponent of the bill. He identified himself as a student lobbyist. He is a student intern lobbying for the Firefighters Association. He has nothing to do with the Montana Student Lobby and his opinion is either his own or the firefighters.

Thank you.

Mae Nan

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on State Administration

having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 174

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 174,

introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section 1, line 6.

Following: "retirement"

Strike: "system"

Insert: "account"

~~DO PASS~~ AND AS SO AMENDED, DO PASS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 9

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MR. President

We, your committee on State Administration

having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 204

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 204

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on State Administration

having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 274

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 274

DO PASS