

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 4, 1977

The eighth meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met on the above date in room 331 of the State Capitol. The roll call was taken and the meeting called to order by Senator Thiessen, Chairman at 2:52 P.M. He said we would take action on bills we had heard before, and did anyone have any problems with Senate Bill 71.

Senator Regan said there had been a salary commission who had studied the salaries and really dug into it. She had read the book and asked why we should take it upon ourselves to juggle figures without regard to the recommendations made, she felt this was unfair, unjust and unrealistic, and did not give credit to the report. She felt the Justice Department was the only one addressed in the testimony on the bill, and felt the Executive branch was entitled to a higher salary.

Senator Mehrens said he felt the Clerk of the Supreme Court as the lowest paid clerk of court in the country should be given a substantial raise.

Senator Stephens said he agreed with Senator Regan in that to change the figures as suggested would cause an imbalance with the other State salaries, and Senator Thiessen said he felt the Attorney General should be brought up to \$35,000.

Motion by Senator Regan to restore the Salary of the Governor and Attorney General to the recommended salaries as indicated \$42.5 thousand and \$40 thousand. Second by Senator Fasbender.

Senator Smith asked about the groceries to the Governor, he said this was quite an item when added to the salary. Discussion was held on whether this was for personal use or for State entertaining.

Substitute motion by Senator Etchart, second by Senator Flynn, that the Governor's salary be at \$40,000 and the Attorney General at \$35,000 Discussion was held on the substitute motion, and Senator Himsel read from the Salary Commission Report. Mr. Gosnell, Fiscal Analyst gave some figures on the expenses allocated to the Governor.

Motion by Senator Fasbender, second by Senator Regan that a substitute motion to over-ride all other motions to appoint a sub-committee for studying this bill and to bring back a report to the committee. Motion passed. The sub-committee appointed by the Chairman are: Senator Fasbender, Chairman, Senator Regan, Senator Himsel and Senator Lockrem.

Senate Bill 72 was discussed. Senator Thiessen proposed an amendment for funding the Historic Records Network. The Motion was made by Senator Fasbender, second by Senator Boylan that the Historic Records Network shall operate within the budget of the Historical Society and the University System. Motion passed, unanimous.

Motion by Senator Fasbender, Second by Senator Nelson that Senate Bill 72 pass as amended. Motion passed. Unanimous. Discussion on the bill included information that it was in operation, they had 2 new archivists and 2 new archivist clerks.

Senate Bill 142 was discussed. Discussion included information that most of the money would go to the larger cities, sometimes to counties and not to the cities, and that all the other areas would decide to go in for a handout from the state on expenses once this bill was passed.

Motion by Senator Lockrem that Senate Bill 142 do not pass. Motion seconded by Senator Boylan, voted and failed.

Motion by Senator Roberts, second by Senator Smith, that Senate Bill 142 Do Pass. Voted, tie vote, This bill to go out of committee with no recommendation.

Motion by Senator Mehrens, second by Senator Boylan that Senate Bill 154 do not pass. Voted, passed.

Motion by Senator Regan, second by Senator Mehrens that Senate Bill 164 do not pass. Discussion on this bill included recognition of the savings in transportation between the cost of parents taking children at 18¢ per mile and the school bus picking them up on rural roads at \$1.25 per student per mile. Motion voted and failed.

Motion by Senator Regan to amend the bill to \$.15 per mile to keep it in the mileage rates. Second by Senator Nelson, voted and passed.

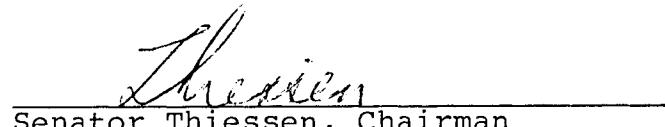
Motion by Senator Regan to amend page 3 by striking the underlined material starting with line 2 through line 4. Voted and failed.

Motion by Senator Smith, second by Senator Flynn that Senate Bill 188 do pass as amended. Voted and passed.

Senate Bill 340 was discussed and Senator Boylan asked to leave it in committee to die a natural death, or to amend later, as the committee desired.

Senate Bill 354 was discussed. The committee felt it needed more time to discuss this bill, and left it for discussion at a later meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.



Senator Thiessen, Chairman

ROLL CALL

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1977

Date 3/4/77

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
THIESSEN, CH	✓		
HIMSL, V.C.	✓		
STORY		✓	
ETCHART	✓		
KOLSTAD		✓	
LOCKREM	✓		
NELSON	✓		
SMITH	✓		
STEPHENS	✓		
FASBENDER	✓		
BOYLAN	✓		
FLYNN	✓		
MEHRENS	✓		
REGAN	✓		
ROBERTS	✓		
THOMAS	✓		

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 4
February 26 1977
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MR. PRESIDENT.....

We, your committee on FINANCE AND CLAIMS

having had under consideration SENATE..... Bill No. 188.....

Respectfully report as follows: That..... SENATE..... Bill No. 188..... introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section 1, line 8.

Following: "{\$.12}"

Strike: "\$.18"

Insert: "\$.15"

2. Amend page 3, section 1, line 13.

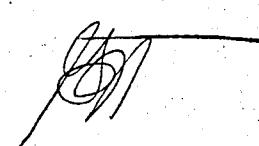
Following: "{\$.12}"

Strike: "\$.18"

Insert: "\$.15"

AND AS SO AMENDED, DO PASS

REPAY



SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 3-4-77Sen Bill No. 188 Time 3:40

NAME

YES

NO

Himsl, V.C.

✓

Story

Etchart

✓

Kolstad

Lockrem

✓

Nelson

✓

Smith

✓

Stephens

✓

Fasbender

✓

Boylan

✓

Flynn

✓

Mehrens

✓

Regan

✓

Roberts

✓

Thomas

✓

Thiessen, Chairman

✓

Secretary

Chairman

Motion: P-6

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 3/4Sen Bill No. 188Time 3:41

NAME

YES

NO

Himsl, V.C.

absent

Story

absent

Etchart

Kolstad

Lockrem

Nelson

Smith

Stephens

Fasbender

Boylan

Flynn

Mehrens

Regan

Roberts

Thomas

Thiessen, Chairman

Secretary

Chairman

Motion: 15¢ mile

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 3/42Bill No. 188Time 2:42

NAME

YES

NO

Himsl, V.C.

Story

Etchart

Kolstad

Lockrem

Nelson

Smith

Stephens

Fasbender

Boylan

Flynn

Mehrens

Regan

Roberts

Thomas

Thiessen, Chairman

Secretary

Chairman

Motion: Page 3 - Strike 10 to 102/4

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 3/4SB Bill No. 188Time 3:44

NAME _____ YES _____ NO _____

Himsl, V.C.	
Story	<u>absent</u>
Etchart	
Kolstad	<u>absent</u>
Lockrem	
Nelson	
Smith	
Stephens	
Fasbender	
Boylan	
Flynn	
Mehrens	
Regan	
Roberts	
Thomas	
Thiessen, Chairman	✓

Secretary _____ Chairman _____

Motion: Do pass and adjourn

- DO PASS
- DO NOT PASS
- BE CONCURRED IN
- BE NOT CONCURRED IN
- BE ADOPTED
- BE NOT ADOPTED
- BE HELD OVER

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 4

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

having had under consideration.....

SENATE

Bill No. **72**

Respectfully report as follows: That.....

SENATE

72

Bill No.

second reading bill be amended as follows:

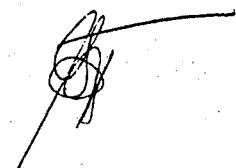
1. Amend page 6

Following: Line 4

Insert: "Section 4. Funding. The historic records network shall operate within the budgets of the historical society and the university system."

AND AS SO AMENDED, DO PASS

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DO PASS



SENATOR TMIIESSEN

Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **FINANCE AND CLAIMS**,

having had under consideration **SENATE** Bill No. **154**,

Respectfully report as follows: That **SENATE** Bill No. **154**,

DO NOT PASS

DO NOT PASS

STATE PUB. CO.
Helena, Mont.

SENATOR THIESSEN

Chairman.

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 3/4154 Bill No. YTime 3:32

NAME _____ YES _____ NO _____

Himsl, V.C.	✓	
Story		✓
Etchart		✓
Kolstad		
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson	✓	✓
Smith		✓
Stephens	✓	
Fasbender	✓	
Boylan		✓
Flynn	✓	
Mehrens	✓	
Regan	✓	
Roberts		✓
Thomas	✓	
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	

Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion: Mehrens - 1 - 6 Boylan

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MR. PRESIDENT

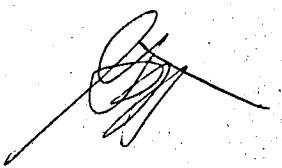
We, your committee on FINANCE AND CLAIMS

having had under consideration SENATE Bill No. 142

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE Bill No. 142

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Rebxxaxx



STATE PUB. CO.
Helena, Mont.

SENATOR THIESSEN

Chairman.

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMSDate 3-4-772Bill No. 142Time 3:20

NAME

YES

NO

Himsl, V.C.		✓
Story		
Etchart		✓
Kolstad		
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson		✓
Smith		
Stephens	✓	
Fasbender		✓
Boylan	✓	✗
Flynn	✓	✓
Mehrens		
Regan	✓	
Roberts		✓
Thomas		✓
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	

Secretary

Chairman

Motion: Do not pass

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 3-4-77

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Bill No. 142Time 3:22

NAME

YES

NO

Himsl, V.C.

✓

Story

Etchart

✓

Kolstad

Lockrem

✓

Nelson

✓

Smith

Stephens

✓

Fasbender

✓

Boylan

✓

Flynn

✓

Mehrens

✓

Regan

✓

Roberts

✓

Thomas

✓

Thiessen, Chairman

✓

Secretary

Chairman

Motion: C6

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Pass P without Recommendation

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