

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 Himsl 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 Himsl 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 154 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.

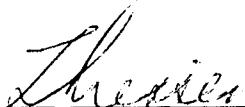
Motion by Senator Regan to amend page 3 by striking the underlined material starting with line 2 through line 4. Voted and failed.

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 3/4/78

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 16~~

19 77

XXXX

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

~~DO PASS~~

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

NAME	YES	NO
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		
7. _____		
8. _____		
9. _____		
10. _____		
11. _____		
12. _____		
13. _____		
14. _____		
15. _____		
16. _____		
17. _____		
18. _____		
19. _____		
20. _____		
21. _____		
22. _____		
23. _____		
24. _____		
25. _____		
26. _____		
27. _____		
28. _____		
29. _____		
30. _____		
31. _____		
32. _____		
33. _____		
34. _____		
35. _____		
36. _____		
37. _____		
38. _____		
39. _____		
40. _____		
41. _____		
42. _____		
43. _____		
44. _____		
45. _____		
46. _____		
47. _____		
48. _____		
49. _____		
50. _____		
51. _____		
52. _____		
53. _____		
54. _____		
55. _____		
56. _____		
57. _____		
58. _____		
59. _____		
60. _____		
61. _____		
62. _____		
63. _____		
64. _____		
65. _____		
66. _____		
67. _____		
68. _____		
69. _____		
70. _____		
71. _____		
72. _____		
73. _____		
74. _____		
75. _____		
76. _____		
77. _____		
78. _____		
79. _____		
80. _____		
81. _____		
82. _____		
83. _____		
84. _____		
85. _____		
86. _____		
87. _____		
88. _____		
89. _____		
90. _____		
91. _____		
92. _____		
93. _____		
94. _____		
95. _____		
96. _____		
97. _____		
98. _____		
99. _____		
100. _____		

Hims1, V.C.		✓
Story		
Etchart		✓
Kolstad		
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson		✓
Smith		✓
Stephens		✓
Fasbender		✓
Boylan		✓
Flynn		✓
Mehrens	✓	
Regan	✓	
Roberts	✓	
Thomas		✓
Thiessen, Chairman		✓

Secretary _____ Chairman _____

Motion: 11-6

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

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

NAME YES NO

Himsl, V.C.

Story

Etchart

Kolstad

Lockrem

Nelson

Smith

Stephens

Fasbender

Boylan

Flynn

Mehrens

Regan

Roberts

Thomas

Thiessen, Chairman

absent

absent

Secretary

Chairman

Motion: 15 & mile

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 3/4

2 Bill No. 188

Time 2:42

NAME	YES	NO
Hims1, V.C.		✓
Story		
Etchart		✓
Kolstad		
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson		✓
Smith		✓
Stephens		✓
Fasbender		✓
Boylan		✓
Flynn	✓	
Mehrens		✓
Regan	✓	
Roberts	✓	
Thomas		✓
Thiessen, Chairman		✓

Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion: Page 3 - Strike 1 to 2 on 2nd
2nd

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

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

NAME	YES	NO
Hims1, V.C.		
Story	absent	
Etchart		
Kolstad	absent	
Lockrem		
Nelson		
Smith		
Stephens		
Fasbender		
Boylan		
Flynn		
Mehrens		
Regan		✓
Roberts		
Thomas		
Thiessen, Chairman		

Secretary

Chairman

Motion: Do pass A and 154

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

March 4

19 77

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on FINANCE AND CLAIMS

having had under consideration

SENATE

Bill No. 72

Respectfully report as follows: That

SENATE

Bill No. 72

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

~~XXXXXX~~
DO PASS

SENATOR THIESSEN


Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

..... March 4, 1977 19 77

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 PASS~~

Date 3/4

154 Bill No. ✓

Time 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 - 4 P - 6 ; Boylan ✓

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

~~February~~ March 4 19 ⁷⁷

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

~~DO PASS~~

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMSDate 3-4-77 8 Bill No. 142 Time 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: CP (Unopposed)Pass without Recommendation

GOVERNOR
THOMAS L. JUDGE

Mandpower
Physical Fitness
Commerce
State/Fed. Coord.
Mental Health

SPECIAL ASSISTANT
Supt. of Public Inst.
State Bd. of Education
Dept. of Health &
Env. Sciences
Dept. of Institutions
Dept. of Labor & Ind.
Dept. of Soc. & Rehab.
Services

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
Dept. of Administration
State Auditor
Dept. of Business Reg.
Dept. of Prof. & Occup.
Licensing
Dept. of Revenue
Secretary of State
Dept. of Comm. Affairs
Dept. of Highways
Dept. of Justice
Dept. of Military Affairs
Dept. of Pub. Serv. Reg.

LT. GOVERNOR
Dept. of Agriculture
Dept. of Fish & Game
Dept. of State Lands
Dept. of Livestock
Dept. of Nat. Res. & Cons.
Governor's
Resource & Energy Policy
Office

ADMIN. ASST.
Agriculture

ADMIN. ASST.
Energy

SECRETARY

ENERGY RESEARCH
& CONSERVATION
EPA Montana Energy Oper

SPECIAL
INTERDISCIPLINARY
TEAMS

STATE/FED. COORD.

CITIZENS ADVOCATE

BUDGET & PROGRAM
PLANNING

ADMIN. ASST.
Jim Flynn
Leg. Liaison

ADMIN. ASST.
Bob Lohn
Legal

ADMIN. ASST.
Jean Handel
Executive Secretary

ADMIN. ASST. (%)
Larry Ellison (contract)
Legal

ADMIN. ASST. (%)
Sid Armstrong
Appoint., Mansion

ADMIN. ASST.
Bruce Nelson
Regional Rep.

ADMIN. ASST.
John Linder (contract)
Speeches, Research

SECRETARY/MCII
Dee Mees

RECEPTION/MCII
Joyce Andrus

SECRETARY/MCII
Bessie Wond