MINUTES OF THE MEETING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 8, 1977

The meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman McCallum on March 8 at 9:40 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: Edward W. Nelson, Montana Taxpayers Association and S. Keith Anderson, Montana Taxpayers Association.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 211: Representative Dussault, District 11, Sponsor of House Bill 211, stated the bill allows for interlocal agreement between cities and counties to form parks and to levy taxes on the district to support the parks. Glen Drake, League of Cities and Towns, supported House Bill 211.

Ed Nelson, Montana Taxpayers Association, opposed House Bill 211 stating under existing law cities must maintain their parks through mill levies. Counties can only use revenues generated by the parks, they cannot levy taxes. People should be allowed to vote on the proposal as this could be a substantial increase in taxes.

Senator Story stated there should be safeguards on this bill as to tax limits.

House Bill 759. Ted Donich, Department of Natural Resources proposed House Bill 759 be amended. Senator Story moved to rescind action on the adverse committee report on House Bill 759. Senator Watt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Watt moved the Chairman to recall House Bill 759 to committee. Senator Story seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Senator George McCallum, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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