

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 16, 1977

The meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman McCallum on March 16 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 61: Representative Holmes, Sponsor of House Bill 61, stated this bill would provide low cost transportation for senior citizens and disabled persons with ID cards, which would be issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Representative Holmes proposed to amend the bill from 10¢ to 25¢.

Dan Mizner, League of Cities and Towns, opposed House Bill 61 stating the bill is a mandate to local governments and he feels local government should have these powers. Don Peoples, Director of Public Works, Butte, opposed House Bill 61. He stated the Butte Bus lines charges 25¢ for senior citizens but would like to have the option of raising fares, if necessary. Arlene Loble, City of Helena, opposed House Bill 61 stating the Helena Bus System contracts with other agencies which pay for the services provided by the bus system. She feels communities will take care of senior citizens without legislation. Mr. Peoples stated the Butte Bus System has a grant from the Commission on Aging to subsidize senior citizens using the system.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 438: Representative Vicent, Sponsor of House Bill 438, stated the bill would eliminate the need for local candidates running in city or county elections to have a filing petition. The bill also would institute a flat fee to file for city or county offices. JoAnn Woodgerd, Secretary of State's Office, stated non-partisan election at the local level be held the same as non-partisan judicial provisions. Representative Vicent stated independent candidates involved in partisan elections would remain the same.

House Bill 61. Senator Dunkle moved to table House Bill 61. Senator Watt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Senator Dunkle wanted to know what tabling the bill entailed. It requires a two-third vote of the members to bring the bill out of committee.

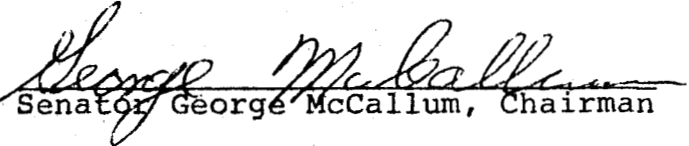
Proposed Amendment to House Bill 438. Amend title, line 6, strike "and county". Amend page 2, line 18,

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strike "and county".

House Bill 314. Senator Thiessen moved House Bill 314 be given a Be Concurred In recommendation. Senator Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried with Senator Lockrem not voting.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10:57.


Senator George McCallum, Chairman

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SENATE COMMITTEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Date 3-16-77 House Bill No. 438 Time 10:38

NAME	YES	NO
George McCallum, Chairman	✓	
Robert Watt, Vice Chairman	✓	
Pete Story		✓
Frank Dunkle		✓
Lloyd Lockrem	✓	
Bob Peterson		✓
Cornie Thiessen	✓	
Bill Thomas		✓

Mary Miller
Secretary

George McCallum
Chairman

Motion: Amend HB 438

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on Local Government

having had under consideration House Bill No. 314

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 314

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