

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 18, 1977

The meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman McCallum on March 18 at 9:35 A. M. in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present except Senator Thiessen, who was excused, and Senator Thomas.

The following visitors were present: Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Association of Counties; Edward Nelson, Montana Taxpayers Association; John C. Bulen, City Commissioner, Great Falls; Joy Borick, League of Women Voters; James Jalellwn, City of Choteau; John Metto, City of Scobey; Ray Lynch, Mayor, Dillon; Mike Micone, Mayor, Butte; Edward Sedivg, Bozeman; Ray Thrailkill, City of Hamilton; and D. Robert Lohn, Governor's Office.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 521: Representative Bradley, Sponsor of House Bill 521, gave a resume of the bill.

Proponents. Robert Lohn, Governor's Office; Dan Mizner, League of Cities and Towns; Ray Lynch, Mayor, Dillon; Mike McCone, Mayor, Butte; Ray Thrailkill, Hamilton; Jack Bulen, Great Falls; Ed Sedivg, Bozeman and Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Association of Counties, testified in support of House Bill 521.

Opponents. Ed Nelson, Montana Taxpayers Association, opposed House Bill 521. Mr. Nelson stated additional monies get spent and there is no reduction of property taxes.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 677: Representative Courtney, Sponsor of House Bill 677, stated House Bill 677 would cut down legal expenses for publishing water and sewer rate changes.

Senator Watt moved House Bill 677 be given a Be Concurred In recommendation. Senator Dunkle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10:50.


Senator George McCallum, Chairman

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Date 3-18-77

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NAME: YIRE HILONE DATE: 3/18/77

ADDRESS: CITY HALL - BUTTE

PHONE: 792 5950

REPRESENTING WHOM? CITY OF BUTTE

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H3521

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: H3521 Provides the mechanism for the
State & Local Gov't to be partners in providing
services to the citizens of our state. This
bill has ^{also} been endorsed by the
Governor.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME:

John C Metto

DATE: 3-18-77

ADDRESS:

Scobey, Montana 59263

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REPRESENTING WHOM?

City of Scobey & M L C T

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

HB 521

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

X

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

I strongly support HB 521

providing for a state revenue sharing program.

More & more, we are finding it very difficult to operate the cities and towns. In many

cases, we are finding that federal revenue

sharing, originally able to be used for needed

capital expenditures for eqpt, etc, that couldn't

be afforded previously, now has to be used

just to meet day to day essential expenses.

This additional method of obtaining revenue

is ~~really~~ needed desperately.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: PAY THRAILKILL DATE: 3/18/77

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REPRESENTING WHOM? City of Hamilton & Ont. League of Cities

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? HB 527

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: The cities are in great need of operating
money & it looks as if this is ~~one~~ of our last
hopes in this Legislature. I sincerely hope for &
urge it's passage.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on Local Government

having had under consideration House Bill No. 677

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 677

DO PASS
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BE CONCURRED IN

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