

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 18, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Senator Towe, Chairman, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 410 of the Capitol Building. Committee members present were Senators Towe, Devine, Jergeson, Story, Rasmussen, and Brown.

The following bills were discussed: HB 641
HB 605
HJR 51
HB 623
HB 645

HOUSE BILL 641

Representative Courtney, District 86, sponsor of the bill, stated the bill revises the procedures relating to alleged violations of the youth aftercare agreements.

PROPOSERS

Dan Russell, Acting Administrator, Division of Corrections, reviewed the bill for the committee and urged its passage.

There being no further proposers and no opponents, the hearing was closed.

HOUSE BILL 605

Representative O'Connell, District 34, sponsor of the bill, stated the purpose of the bill is to eliminate the Attorney General and Secretary of State statements from the ballot. The legislative intent statement would remain and the statements from both officials would remain in the voter information pamphlet.

PROPOSERS

Jo Ann Woodgerd, Secretary of State's Office, stated her support of the bill.

There being no further proposers and no opponents to the bill, the hearing was closed. It was noted SB 403 has this same provision in it and action on this bill will be held pending action on SB 403.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 51

Representative Frates, District 60, sponsor of the bill, state the purpose of the bill is to develop fall-out shelters and trained personnel in case of nuclear disaster. He stated current supplies are too old and it is now time to restock and retrain.

PROPOSERS

Jo Ann Woodgerd, Secretary of State's Office, presented a proposed amendment to the committee (see attached #1).

There being no further proposers and no opponents, the hearing was closed.

HOUSE BILL 623

Representative Lund, District 2, sponsor of the bill, stated the purpose of the bill is to allow the Department of Institutions to purchase clothing without the bid procedure. This is especially aimed at Mountain View School for Girls.

PROPOSERS

Don Robel, Superintendent, Mountain View School, stated his support of the bill and cited the difficulty of building good self images in teenage girls when they must all wear clothing alike which is not the current style and they have had no say in the purchase.

There being no further proposers and no opponents to the bill, the hearing was closed.

HOUSE BILL 645

Representative Brand, District 28, sponsor of the bill, stated the bill will allow public employees to carry their group insurance with them when they retire. There will be no fiscal impact as the retiree will pick up his own premium and at age 65 will go under medicaid.

PROPOSERS

Al Sampson, Montana State Firemen's Association, stated his support of the bill.

Tom Harrison, Montana Police Protective Association, stated his support of the bill.

Gerald Dunbar, representing the Chiefs of Police Association, urged support of the bill.

There being no further proposers and no opponents, the hearing was closed.

HOUSE BILL 645

Senator Rasmussen moved House Bill 645 Be Concurred In. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SENATORS BLAYLOCK AND ROSKIE ABSENT.

HOUSE BILL 641

Senator Jergeson moved House Bill 641 Be Concurred In. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SENATORS BLAYLOCK AND ROSKIE ABSENT.

HOUSE BILL 605

Senator Rasmussen moved to table House Bill 605. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SENATORS ROSKIE AND BLAYLOCK ABSENT.

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HOUSE BILL 623

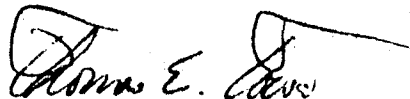
Senator Devine moved House Bill 623 Be Concurred In. THE MOTION
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SENATORS ROSKIE AND BLAYLOCK ABSENT.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 51

Senator Jergeson moved the amendments as per the attached committee
report. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SENATORS ROSKIE AND BLAYLOCK
ABSENT.

Senator Story moved HJR 51 Be Concurred In As Amended. THE MOTION
CARRIED WITH SENATOR TOWE VOTING NO.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to reconvene
March 19, 1977.



Thomas E. Towe, Chairman

ROLL CALL

State Administration COMMITTEE

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1977

Date 3/18/77

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Senator Thomas E. Towe, Chrm.	X		
Senator Pete Story, V. Chrm.	X		
Senator Bob Brown	X		
Senator A.T. "Tom" Rasmussen	X		
Senator George F. Roskie			Y
Senator John W. Devine	X		
Senator Greg Jergeson	X		
Senator Chet Blaylock			Y

HB 605

SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

623

BILL 645

VISITORS' REGISTER

DATE 3/12/71

HB 51

Please note bill no.

NAME

REPRESENTING

BILL #

(check one)

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

Helen O'Connell

34

605

✓

Rosa Rob. C

Mountain View School

623

✓

Don Rostron

Dist 86 Butte

641

✓

Gene Smith

West 60 Billings

HJR51

✓

Luther Glenn

Dept of Admin

623

✓

Don George

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HB 645

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Leslie Nelson

Mt St Fireman's Assn.

HB 645

✓

Jack Williams

Chiefs of Police Assn

HB 645

✓

David Thompson

Maj. of Police Assn

HB 645

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Jack Thompson

Montana Police Protective Assn

HB 645

✓

Ed. J. Hunter

Mt St Fireman's Assn

HB 645

✓

Al Sampson

Mt St Fire Assn

HB 645

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H. P. A. + Lusk

H. 623

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Attachment A

SMITHFIELD PARADE

WOMEN'S ALL CONFERENCE

INITIATIVES, REFERENDUMS, AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

REFERENDUM NO. 70

Secretary of State's Explanatory Statement

Referendum No. 70 was introduced as House Bill No. 55 in the regular session of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Montana. H.B. 55 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 74 for and 21 against with 5 members excused. The Senate vote was 45 to 4 in favor of the bill with 1 member excused. House Bill No. 55 was approved by the Governor on April 14, 1975.

Attorney General's Explanatory Statement

The 1975 Legislature passed a bill providing for a program to develop and strengthen local public libraries in Montana. The Legislature further provided that the funding for this program would be put to a popular vote at this election. The proposed program would be administered by the Montana Library Commission, which would distribute the funds through public library federations. The funds involved would be derived from a one (1) mill levy on all taxable property in the State for the next ten (10) years, if the levy is approved by the electorate at this election.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A POPULAR VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF STATE FUNDING TO PUBLIC LIBRARY FEDERATIONS WITH A ONE (1) MILL LEVY ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION TO DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY FEDERATIONS; DEFINING GRANT PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 84-3-04 R.C.M. 1973.

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FOR appropriating a one (1) mill levy to fund public library federations.

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AGAINST appropriating a one (1) mill levy to fund public library federations.

VOTE IN NEXT COLUMN

Attachment B

Excerpted From: Voter Information For Proposed Constitutional Amendments, Referendums, Initiatives, General Election, November 2, 1976

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ARGUMENT REBUTTING THE ARGUMENT
ADVOCATING APPROVAL OF THE MEASURE

(NO REBUTTAL ARGUMENT REQUIRED)

ARGUMENT REBUTTING THE ARGUMENT
ADVOCATING REJECTION OF THE MEASURE

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The following is a copy of the title and text of the proposed Referendum as passed by the Forty-fourth session of the Montana Legislature and approved by the Governor on April 14, 1975 as it appears in the 1975 Montana Session Laws:

CHAPTER 416
MONTANA SESSION LAWS 1975

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A POPULAR VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF STATE FUNDING TO PUBLIC LIBRARY FEDERATIONS WITH A ONE(1) MILL LEVY ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION TO DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY FEDERATIONS; DEFINING GRANT PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 81-304, R.C.M. 1947.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. There is a new R.C.M. section numbered 44-304 that reads as follows:

44-304. Purpose. It is the purpose of this act to establish a program whereby state funds appropriated to the Montana state library commission may be allocated among three different grant programs. Such program of state funding is intended to provide the benefits of quality public library service to all residents of Montana by developing and strengthening local public libraries through library federations as defined in section 44-212.

Section 2. There is a new R.C.M. section numbered 44-305 that reads as follows:

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STATEMENT ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

From: Secretary of State

Page 3, lines 7 and 8 call for the Secretary of State to send copies of House Joint Resolution No. 51 to the publisher of each newspaper in the state. When this has been done in the past a real problem arose in that many of the newspapers have published the resolution as legal advertising and billed the Secretary of State for publication.

The cover letter sent with past resolutions has stated they were being sent at the direction of the legislature and not as an order for publication but many editors evidently have not thoroughly read the cover letter.

We would suggest that the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy to the Montana Press Association for distribution to newspapers.



STATE OF MONTANA

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

INSURANCE AND LEGAL DIVISION
CAPITOL STATION, HELENA, MONTANA 59601

January 27, 1977

The Honorable Joe Brand
Representative, District 28
Capitol Post Office
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Sir:

The following is in reply to your letter of January 21, 1977:

Retiring State employees are allowed to remain in the State insurance group without age limit if they are covered under an existing employee plan since the inception of the present State Plan, or have retired subsequent to implementation of the State Plan and are eligible for a pension benefit from the State of Montana.

Covered retirees pay the entire monthly premium to Blue Shield through the payroll office of the department from which they retired. According to P.E.R.S., 345 State employees have retired in the two-year period from July 1, 1974 to July 1, 1976. This does not include University employees. There are currently 310 retired members in the Plan. Some of these were retired self-paying members of component groups prior to creation of the State Plan.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Michael Young".
J. MICHAEL YOUNG
Administrator

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 18

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MR. President

We, your committee on State Administration

having had under consideration House Bill No. 645

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 645

~~DO PASS~~ BE CONCURRED IN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on State Administration

having had under consideration House Bill No. 641

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 641

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 18

1977

MR. President

We, your committee on State Administration

having had under consideration House Bill No. 623

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 623

~~DO PASS~~ BE CONCURRED IN

G.A.

Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on State Administration

having had under consideration House Joint Resolution Bill No. 51

Respectfully report as follows: That House Joint Resolution Bill No. 51
third reading, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 3, lines 7 and 8.

Following: "State"

Strike: "to the publisher of each newspaper in the state and"

~~DO PASS~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ AND AS SO AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN

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Chairman.