

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SENATE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
March 28, 1977

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

The following bills were discussed: HB 447
HJR 83
HJR 85
HJR 79

HOUSE BILL 447

Representative Sivertson, District 7, sponsor of the bill, stated the bill provides for deletion of the requirement that a registrar must notify electors whose voting registration is cancelled.

PROPONENTS

John Bell, Montana Clerks and Recorders, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ernie Post, Staff Representative of the AFL-CIO, stated he had opposed the bill in the House but now supports it with the amendments.

Jo Ann Woodgerd, Secretary of State's Office, stated she supports the bill as amended.

There were no further proponents and no opponents to the bill.

Representative Sivertson noted the bill specifies an ad will be run in the newspapers stating cancellation of registration has been made of electors not voting in the previous general election.

There being no further discussion, the hearing was closed.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 83

Representative Nathe, District 1, sponsor of the bill, stated the bill requests the Congress to support the bills currently before the Congress to restore the Fort Union Trading Post. He presented a booklet to the committee regarding the history of the Post.

There were no proponents or opponents to the bill and the hearing was closed.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 85

Representative Uhde, District 17, sponsor of the bill, stated the bill asks for an interim study of economy and reform measures relating to legislative budgeting and spending. He stated the sunset law is aimed at regulatory agencies and this resolution is aimed at the people employed by the state and to control the growth of bureaucracy and proliferation of rules.

There were no proponents and no opponents to the bill and the hearing was closed.

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Senator Brown moved House Joint Resolution 85 Be Concurred In. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

Representative Brand presented the bill on behalf of the House State Administration Committee. He stated the bill was introduced to simplify the campaign report form as stated in the bill and as per the sample form printed on the back of the bill.

PROPONENTS

Jo Ann Woodgerd, Secretary of State's Office, stated this form follows the old form and she was not sure how it would conform to present law.

Ernie Post, Staff Representative, AFL-CIO, stated his support of the bill.

Margaret Davis, League of Women Voters, presented her testimony in support of the bill to the committee.

John Hanson, Commissioner of Campaign Finances and Practices, stated his support of a simplified form and suggested the bill be amended to state this is a suggested form.

John Bell, member of the advisory committee to the Commissioner, stated his support of the bill.

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

Mr. Hanson gave a copy of a letter to the State Administration Committee of the House to the committee re review of campaign practices.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to reconvene March 30.



Thomas E. Towe, Chairman

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1977

Date _____

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HJR 63
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COMMITTEE ON

DATE

VISITORS' REGISTER

A CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF EVENTS
AT THE MISSOURI-YELLOWSTONE
CONFLUENCE AREA FROM
1805 to 1896

A RECORD OF INTERMENTS AT THE FORT BUFORD
DAKOTA TERRITORY POST CEMETERY

1866 to 1895

1866-1895
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REPRESENTING WHOM? Resolution sponsor

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HJR 85

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? ✓ OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Margaret S Davis DATE: 28 Mar 77

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REPRESENTING WHOM? League of Women Voters

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HJR 79

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? X OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: Present forms are complicated and the league favors a simplified reporting form. However, there is more than one way to skin a cat and we would like to see the attached form be a "suggested" one. We trust the Campaign Commissioner can devise a short form that falls within the law.

amendment -

pg 2, line 8 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
that the form attached is a suggested
one.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

JOHN N. HANSON
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Montana State Election Board
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March 25, 1977

Honorable Joe Brand, Chairman
State Administration Committee
Montana House of Representatives
Capitol Building
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Representative Brand and Members of the House State Administration Committee:

As discussed with you on prior occasions, I will, in the near future, initiate a comprehensive review of the election laws as they relate to campaign finances and practices. In conducting this review, which will be aimed at simplifying and modifying the reporting forms and record keeping procedures, I will call upon the expertise of the members of the Advisory Committee to this office. This committee (which includes representation from both political parties of the legislature; Democrat and Republican Party; COPE; Chamber of Commerce; Common Cause; Conservative Caucus; League of Women Voters; American Party; Women's Political Caucus; Municipal Clerks, Treasurers, and Finance Officers Assn.; School Business Officials Assn; County Clerks and Recorders Assn; and County Attorney's Assn.) will provide valuable assistance in the review process. The views and input from these individuals will most certainly result in more simplified reporting forms.

I personally offer my assurance that, in accordance with House Joint Resolution No. 79, the reporting forms for those of you who will be involved in the 1978 elections will be simplified to the extent that the current provisions of the law allow. Additionally, legislation which will allow further simplification, without creating loopholes within the intent and spirit of the Campaign Practices Act, will be prepared and presented to the next Legislature for its thoughtful consideration.

This office realizes that the implementation of the Campaign Practices Act has not been without mistake and that compliance has caused difficulty and frustration for some candidates. I am, however, confident that the past elections have provided a basis upon which to modify the administration of the Act.

Thank you for your helpful cooperation and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN N. HANSON
Commissioner

JNH/kk

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 30, 1977

MR. President

We, your committee on State Administration

having had under consideration House Joint Resolution Bill No. 85

Respectfully report as follows: That House Joint Resolution Bill No. 85

KORASICK BL CONCURRED IN

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