

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 4, 1977

The twenty first meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met on the above date in room 331 of the State Capitol. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 by Senator Thiessen, Chairman. Roll call attached.

HOUSE BILL 407 was explained by Representative Lory. He said this would not cost any money. It would place a pocket into which such funds as student to fit so they coincide in the system. He said the CUBA system is strictly for the Universities. CIBUS is the account set up as a county fund to take care of the State money in the county system, and on some things the dual system does not match up. Questions were asked as to whether it relates only to foundation moneys, and Rep. Lory said no--we just find a place to put special funds. The question was asked as to whether there should be a sunset clause, or why it was in it. He said this bill was an attempt to see how it could be worked out, and possibly later they would either change it to fit the National Audit or if it worked out well, to pass the bill again.

HOUSE BILL 55.

No one was here to to explain this bill, and the committee felt it needed an explanation.

HOUSE BILL 105. There was no one here to explain this bill and the committee felt it needed an explanation.

HOUSE BILL 547. Motion by Senator Thomas, Second by Senator Fasbender that House Bill 547 be concurred in. Voted, passed, unanimous. Time: 8:33 A.M. Senator Lockrem absent.

Senator Thiessen explained that Senator Healy was very unhappy, wished to have two people plus a lawyer on SB 217, and while he had explained that the dead line would be past and it would have to be taken up under a suspension of the rules in the Senate, he had promised Senator Healy to bring it back to committee and he would give him 15 minutes.

HOUSE BILL 55. This is a bill to put the money back into the Legislative Council that had been loaned to the Coal Tax Oversight Committee. They now had the money to pay it back, and felt it should be done through the Legislature as a fund transfer. Questions were asked by the committee, and it was felt they would like to have Mr. Tippy come up tomorrow and explain it to the committee

HOUSE BILL 646 was discussed. Possible amendments were discussed on page 1, line 19 and page 3, line 9. Senator Smith said he had talked to two different groups in his area, and as soon as they hauled a person on their bus as a public person, they had to apply to the Public Service Commission for a certificate, and to buy prohibitive insurance.

Motion by Senator Thomas, second by Senator Kolstad that House Bill 646 do not pass.

Discussion followed and Senator Regan said she felt there should be an amendment. She felt this money was important, and that Billings for instance, really needed it. She moved to strike $\frac{1}{2}$ on page 1, line 9 and insert "all". Second by Senator Hims1. Further discussion followed. A call was made to Curt Nichols to see if this money was already in the sub committee budget for transportation. On the answer that it had been provided for, Senators Hims1 and Regan removed the second and the motion. The original motion was voted on for do not concur in, and it passed, roll call attached.

HOUSE BILL 105. Ron Smith, assistant administrator of the Audit and Accounting Department in the Department of Revenue explained this bill. He said the present laws have them keep two sets of books. One is the revolving fund and the other is the ear marked fund. He said to re-stock the liquour store, etc., they use the money from the revolving fund, but money must be transferred from this fund to the ear marked fund in order to pay the operational costs, salaries, etc. They would like to wipe out the ear marked fund, pay expenses out of the revolving fund, and cut down on the bookkeeping while raising the efficiency of the office. It was brought out that in addition the ear marked funds could not be invested to draw any interest. They just sat.

Motion by Senator Fasbender, second by Senator Flynn that House Bill 105 DO PASS. Voted and passed unanimous. Time: 9:14 A.M. Senator Fasbender asked that the secretary remind him of the time to carry this bill.

Senator Thiessen reminded the committee that the big bill would be over here and he would like to have the sub committees be ready to start going through it Wednesday. He said they would go through HB 145 the way it appeared in the bill.

The meeting adjourned.



SENATOR THIESSEN, Chairman

ROLL CALL

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1977

Date 4-4-77

| NAME | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
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| THIESSEN, CH | ✓ | | |
| HIMSL, V.C. | ✓ | | |
| STORY | ✓ | | |
| ETCHART | ✓ | | |
| KOLSTAD | ✓ | | |
| LOCKREM | | ✓ | |
| NELSON | ✓ | | |
| SMITH | ✓ | | |
| STEPHENS | ✓ | | |
| FASBENDER | ✓ | | |
| BOYLAN | ✓ | | |
| FLYNN | ✓ | | |
| MEHRENS | ✓ | | |
| REGAN | ✓ | | |
| ROBERTS | ✓ | | |
| THOMAS | ✓ | | |