

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 6, 1977

The twenty fifth meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met on the above date in room 331 of the State Capitol. Roll call was taken, and the meeting was called to order at 10:06 A.M. to start going over the main budget bill, House Bill 145. The Chairman of the Meeting, Senator Thiessen asked Senator Regan to begin with the Elected Officials which was the first part of the bill, and he would continue down the bill in the order in which the subcommittee assignments appeared in it.

Senator Regan went through the third reading copy of the H.B. 145 which showed the House amendments to the bill, and went through these changes. She said the first was on page 7, line 20. Attached to the minutes for HB 145 is a blue bill giving all amendments from the House as underlined. These were all gone over by the Chairman of each sub-committee, all changes will be listed that were made in the Finance and Claims committee.

Senator Regan made suggested amendments which included page 13, line 21 to add the fire marshall back where he was.

Motion by Senator Regan to amend page 16, section 17, lines 3 through 10 to strike in their entirety, and amend page 13, line 6. She said this would remove the 2 FTE's and the additional operating moneys placed in the bill by the House, and further amend by striking the language which deals with House bill 401. Second by Senator Nelson, voted and passed, roll call vote. 11:25 A.M.

Motion by Senator Regan to amend page 11, line 9 this would transfer figures.

Senator Thiessen remarked that the money in the Governor's office appropriated for the biennium was about \$300,000 for law suits and jurisdictional matters.

The above motion by Senator Regan was voted and passed, the vote was unanimous, 10:32 A.M. This will transfer over \$12,000 in '78 and a similar amount in '79.

Motion by Senator Regan to amend page 11 following line 9 to transfer the money from the Department of Administration contract services to the office of budget and program planning. Voted and passed. This would strike \$589,834 and 598,129 and insert 609,834 and 618,129.

Motion by Senator Regan the figures at the top of the page should be changed to correspond.

Voted and passed

Motion by Senator Regan to change the figures on page 1, lines

2 and 3 would have the figures changed by striking and inserting. Voted and passed.

Motion by Senator Regan to amend page 12, line 15. to strike line 15 and insert the new figures which would add \$22,459 in 1978 and \$22,871 in 1979. This would go to the Secretary of States office which has a very tight budget and provide the funds for implementing H. B. 787.

Motion was voted and passed.

Motion by Senator Thomas that a sunset clause go on this that the 1½ FTE'S be opted out in 2 years. This motion was not voted on.

Senator Regan said Senate Bill 298 which has passed will transfer the Board of Renewable Resources. The effect of the amendment is to delete 2 FTE from the Department of Administration and add 1 FTE and money to the Department of Natural Resources.

Motion by Senator Regan to amend page 15, line 17 strike 11, 110,196 and 11,700,185 and insert 11,079,235 and 11,668,660; Page 16, line 15 strike the line; and page 22, strike 559,565 and 539,069 and insert 578,337 and 558,190. Voted and passed.

Motion by Senator Regan to correct the bill to correspond with House Bill 389 which funds passenger tramway inspection, to amend page 15, following line 16 strike line 17. Insert 3,842,656 and 11,097,596; 4,096,176 and 11,687,585. Amend page 16 by striking lines 7 through 10 in their entirety.

Voted and passed.

Because of several Senate Bills we will be adding funds to the building standards program under the Department of Administration. Senator Regan said if you add \$50,000 in the first year and \$30,000 in the next year you will have the right total of general fund money. This amendment was moved by Senator Regan, voted and passed. The bills were Senate Bill 401, House Bills 430 and 630.

Jack Crosser said eventually this would be on a self sustaining basis through fees, but at the present time it cannot start off out of no money at all. This is in regard to the building codes on public buildings in Montana. It requires public hearings and getting the codes on the books.

Senator Thiessen said he would like to propose the resolution on the Indian problems, it would take about \$300,000. Senator Stephens made the motion.

Senator Regan asked if these decisions would not be made in states where the cases are, and Senator Stephens said we will have to pay to make our own decisions in this state. They may wind up in the Supreme Court, but the decisions in Main may not be the same as those in Montana. Discussion held that the state should get into this and represent the broad spectrum of

the population or we will be out.

Motion was voted, passed, 11:05 A.M.

Motion by Senator Regan to insert language on page 7 lines 20 through 22 to strike section 15 and insert the language in the subcommittee amendment on membership and travel dues.

Representative Bardanoue said he had inserted the language in the bill as it is now written on the floor as an amendment. He said he had another amendment that he felt was too harsh, but perhaps this was not severe enough.

Senator Flynn asked if we strike the section that Francis put in who would ever see it? Representative Bardanoue said he had been in the Budget Office a short time ago and was told about an institution that came in for supplemental, also a lot of travel. The budget office finds out about the travel after it has been made, therefore he put in a travel policy.

Senator Fasbender said the way it is regulated there is no flexibility. He said he would like to check further on this before it was passed. Senator Regan withdrew her motion.

Motion by Senator Lockrem to amend page 10, line 11 to reduce the figures by \$173,000+ to 111,000+ and in the second year to reduce them from 176,000+ to 120,000+. This motion was seconded by Senator Boylan.

The Environmental Quality Council has been doing an assimilation of data from other organizations. It would reduce an economist an ecologist and an attorney. I do not think it would detract from the citizens participation in state government. They would not have to duplicate this.

Senator Regan said the subcommittee felt there were some substantial cuts made, that the amount of money usually granted is what was necessary for them to operate. I would resist the motion.

Senator Smith said there are areas where they have done a real good job. The Poplar River Project--they went right to work on that and did a lot of research and gave the proper authorities the information they needed.

Motion by Senator Smith to strike 161,373 on line 11, page 10, and insert 111,373 and on line 12 to strike 176,014 and insert 120,014. Motion was voted, passed, 11:22 A.M.

Motion by Senator Lockrem page 11, line 11 to strike 104,748 and insert 150,375 and strike 105,689 insert 153,077. Further amend page 11, line 14 and 15 strike lines 14 and 15 in their entirety.

Senator Lockrem said this had been a transfer of the energy and resource office from the Lieutenant Governor's office to another office. We have reduced and transferred back 2 FTE's to the L.G.

office. It would transfer back Bill Christianson and his top aid.

Senator Regan said this office is within the Lieutenant Governor's office now. It is shown separately so that we have a better understanding of how it operates. When you look at the structure of the Governor's organization you will see this will only attempt to put the program where a closer look can be taken at it.

Senator Lockrem said the net result of his motion is to eliminate 5 FTE's. This total cost is greater by \$40,000 per year than the L. G. office.

Senator Regan said this Lieutenant Governor is a different person with different responsibilities, and should be looked at in that manner.

The motion by Senator Lockrem was voted and passed. Roll call, attached.

Senator Regan said she felt the committee should be very much aware of another growth of the Government. This was in our own--the Legislative branch. She said the Legislative Auditor has requested and is in this budget on page 8 for 24 new employees. He shows one of the largest growth areas in the state government. From 34 to 58 FTE's. He said he would no longer be using contract services, and therefore the growth would not be as large in expenditure. She said she really questioned the growth in this office since it is more than that of the fiscal analyst and the office of Mike Billings together. Motion by Senator Regan to cut this to 8 and 8 with the fiscal analyst working out the figures.

Senator Thiessen said he would recommend the original 12 and 12 because of the excellent in-depth audits they had done. He said the performance audits done there were really good and he felt they needed the extra people on the staff.

Senator Himsel said we had given them a substantial increase in staff, but had cut out the contract services and had given them a substantial load of work with some of the increase in regard to federal funding. He felt that if the staff was cut back to 8 and 8 we could not expect them to get as much done.

Senator Boylan said he felt we had the auditor and we had the fiscal analysts who had done a good job for us. He did not feel we could allow this much expansion, we needed to keep a handle on it.

Motion by Regan was voted and passed, 11:46 A.M.

Motion by Senator Thomas, second by Senator Lockrem to cut the \$25,000 back out of the Legislative Council that was put in on the House floor by Representative Driscoll, and putting the figures back to \$928,414 and \$886,720.

Representative Bardanouve said this was put in in the House to provide travel and would be above and beyond the travel in the Legislative Council Budget.

Motion was voted, passed, unanimous 11:50 A.M.

It was suggested that there would be an amendment worked up to update CIBUS. We have had it in the University Budget, and would like the time to put it in this budget.

Senator Thiessen said he would like at least two meetings per day, one to work on HB 145 and the other to work on the bills.

The meeting was adjourned.



SENATOR THIESSEN, Chairman

Amendments to H.B. 145, Third Reading, By Senator Regan

- x 1. Amend Page 11, Section 17, Line 9

Following: Line 8

Strike: "589,834" and "598,129"

Insert: "609,364" and "618,028"

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2. Amend Page 15, Section 17, Line 17

Following: Line 16

Strike: "3,837,056" and "4,080,176"

Insert: "3,817,526" and "4,060,277"

Purpose of Amendment: Transfer \$19,530 in FY-78 and \$19,899 in FY-79 from department of administration, architecture and engineering contracted services to office of budget and program planning to establish an FTE and funds presently carried as contracted services (H.B. 643 1975 session, Mr. Gene Huntington).

Amendments to H.B. 145, Third Reading, By Senator Regan

1. Amend Page 11, Section 17, Line 9

Following: Line 8

Strike: "589,834" and "598,129"

Insert: "609,834" and "618,129"

Purpose of Amendment: An additional \$20,000 per year is to maintain the operational costs of the position control system which was omitted from the budget submission.

*Personnel had been paying (D. Johnson) -
position now in Billings shop →*

Amendment to H.B. 145, Third Reading, By Senator Regan

1. Amend Page 15, Section 17, Line 17

Following: Line 16

Strike: Line 17 in its entirety.

Insert: "3,842,656 11,097,596 4,096,176 11,687,585"

2. Amend Page 16, Section 17, Line 7

Following: Line 6

Strike: Line 7 Through Line 10 in Their Entirety.

Purpose of Amendments: To correct the appropriations to reflect the final version of House Bill 389 which establishes the funding for the passenger tramway inspection program. \$5,600 for FY-78 and \$16,000 for FY-79 in general funds are added, and \$12,600 per year in other funds are deleted.

*Revenues to G.F.
& then appropriate out.*



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April 5, 1977

TO: Honorable Cornie R. Thiessen, Chairman
Senate Finance and Claims Committee

FROM: John D. LaFaver, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: House Floor Amendments to H.B. 145.

SUMMARY

Amendments made to the general appropriations bill on the house floor total \$989,315 in general fund and \$205,636 in other appropriated funds--for a total of \$1,194,951.

Explanation of Amendments

The following page numbers refer to the third reading copy (blue bill).

1. Page 7, line 20. Specifies that a policy to eliminate unnecessary travel shall be developed.
2. Page 7, line 23. Specifies that the totals shown in the bill are not appropriations.
3. Page 9, line 22. Legislative Council. The Page 10, line 2 amendment adds \$25,000 per year general fund for travel of members of the legislature and a \$7,500 annual appropriation of other funds for the coal tax oversight committee.
4. Page 10, line 12. Environmental Quality Council. General fund in the amount of \$7,431 was added to correct an error in calculating salary increases in fiscal 1979.

5. Page 13, lines 13 and 22. Department of Justice. General funds were added in the amounts of \$53,297 in fiscal 1978 and \$54,624 in fiscal 1979 to expand the fire marshall program by two FTE and other operating costs.

In order to accomplish the purpose of the amendment a further amendment is needed:

Page 13, line 6

Strike: "4,326,193"	"4,876,615"
Insert: "4,379,490"	"4,931,289"

6. Page 19, line 11. Human Rights Division. The amendment deletes \$30,000 per year of general fund. Two FTE employees are eliminated.
7. Page 20, line 9. Department of Agriculture. This amendment added \$20,048 in general funds and \$4,137 of feed and fertilizer earmarked revenue over the biennium to pay the salary increase due to the upgrading of 9 full-time positions and 4.05 FTE seasonal positions.

The amendment also added \$90,000 each year of the biennium to implement a pesticide program as a result of a direct grant from the United States environmental protection agency. Four new positions will be established.

Added to the wheat research and marketing program is \$80,654 in FY-78 and \$94,981 in FY-79 for grants for research and promotion of wheat and barley.

8. Page 20, line 19. Department of Fish and Game. The effect of the amendment is to freeze the wildlife program appropriation for fiscal 1979 at the same level as fiscal 1978. Discussion on the floor indicated dissatisfaction with the operation of this program and its effectiveness as far as wildlife and landowner relations are concerned. The fiscal 1979 appropriation was reduced \$172,434.
9. Page 21, line 10. Department of State Lands. The amendment added \$20,000 of general funds each year of the biennium to the land administration program to implement a natural areas subprogram. The effect will be to add one position and related expenses
10. Page 22, line 13. Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The amendment added \$100,000 of general funds each year of the biennium to transfer to soil and water conservation districts to help offset some of the expenses they incur in administering the streambed preservation act and other conservation related laws.

11. Page 24, line 12. Board of Morticians. This amendment is the department's expanded request to provide funding to pay the board of morticians while conducting board business as other boards are paid. A total of \$3,298 of other funds are added.
12. Page 28, line 5. Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. The additional language would soften the present wording which requires general fund to be offset by higher allocations of federal Title XX funds.
13. Page 28, line 19. Department of Institutions, Central Office. The amendment adds \$62,113 in fiscal 1978 and \$67,944 in fiscal 1979 of general fund to provide five additional parole officers.
14. Page 32, line 24. Department of Institutions. The language allows unrestricted reallocation of funds between institutions and the department of social and rehabilitation services ostensibly to encourage deinstitutionalization.
15. Page 41, line 6. University of Montana. The amendment added \$300,000 in fiscal 1978. These funds augment a \$200,000 appropriation to ease difficulty in reducing faculty numbers.
16. Page 42, line 16. Eastern Montana College. The amendment added \$193,808 of general fund to reduce the student-faculty ratio from 19.6:1 to 19:1.
17. Page 46, line 16. Bureau of Mines. Language was added which allows the bureau of mines to carry unexpended water study funds appropriated for HJR 54 in the 1977 biennium into fiscal 1978. The bureau's financial office estimates \$13,500 can be carried forward.

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date _____

Bill No. _____

Time 11:46

NAME	YES	NO
Himsl, V.C.		✓
Story	✓	
Etchart	✓	
Kolstad		✓
Lockrem		✓
Nelson	✓	
Smith	✓	
Stephens	✓	
Fasbender	✓	
Boylan	✓	
Flynn	✓	
Mehrens	✓	
Regan	✓	
Roberts	✓	
Thomas		✓
Thiessen, Chairman		✓

Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion: by Regan - 8-8 ✓ 1/2 g

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FINANCE AND CLAIMSDate 4-6-77

Bill No. _____

Time 11:30

NAME	YES	NO
Himsl, V.C.	✓	
Story	✓	
Etchart	✓	
Kolstad	✓	
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson	✓	
Smith	✓	
Stephens	ab	
Fasbender		✓
Boylan	✓	
Flynn		✓
Mehrens		✓
Regan		✓
Roberts		✓
Thomas		✓
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	

Secretary _____

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Motion: _____

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FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 4-6-77Bill No. 145Time 11:22

NAME	YES	NO
Hims1, V.C.	✓	
Story	✓	
Etchart	✓	
Kolstad	✓	
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson	✓	
Smith		✓
Stephens		✓
Fasbender		✓
Boylan	✓	
Flynn	✓	
Mehrens		✓
Regan		✓
Roberts		✓
Thomas		✓
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	

Secretary

Chairman

Motion:

Smith

Date _____ Bill No. _____ Time 11:05

NAME YES NO

Himsl, V.C.		✓
Story	✓	
Etchart	✓	
Kolstad	✓	
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson	✓	
Smith	✓	
Stephens	✓	
Fasbender	✓	
Boylan	✓	
Flynn	✓	
Mehrens	✓	
Regan	✓	
Roberts	✓	
Thomas	✓	
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	

Secretary _____ Chairman _____

Motion: Resolved That the bill be passed

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 4-6-77H. Bill No. 145Time 10:25

NAME	YES	NO
Himsl, V.C.	✓	
Story	✓	
Etchart	✓	
Kolstad <i>at</i>		
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson	✓	
Smith		✓
Stephens	✓	
Fasbender	✓	
Boylan		✓
Flynn	✓	
Mehrens	✓	
Regan	✓	
Roberts	✓	
Thomas	✓	
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	

Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion: _____

① Amend out 2 FTE's, etc.

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