

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 8, 1977

The meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman McCallum on April 8 at 9:35 A. M. in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

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

See Attached Visitors Sheet.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 428: Representative O'Connell, District 34, Sponsor of House Bill 428, stated this bill is for retired police officers or their widows. This bill affects police officers who retired before 1975. It will require \$200,000 per year to fund this bill. The funds are earmarked for this purpose. The current law covering these pensions was passed in 1911 and now has nine amendments. Varying from city to city the pay for police officers today is not less than \$750 per month and this bill would allow 1/2 or \$375 per month for retired police officers. Representative Fabrega, District 44, Great Falls, testified in support of House Bill 428 stating two years ago the firemen's pension was raised but not the police officers. Robert McPherson, President of the Retired Police Officers' Association, testified in support of House Bill 428 stating there was a slight cost of living increase in 1975. Mr. McPherson stated the average age of most persons on this pension is 66 and most of the persons do not receive Social Security Benefits. Mike Morris, retired Police Chief from Anaconda, Vice-President of the Retired Police Officers' Association, testified in support of House Bill 428. Mary Carroll testified in support of House Bill 428 stating with the cost of living continuing to rise the pension is not adequate for people to live on.

Senator Watt moved House Bill 428 be given a "Be Concurred In" recommendation. Senator Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.



Senator George McCallum, Chairman

ROLL CALL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE ON Local Government

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One Support	Oppose
John J. Curti City of Billings Montana Board of Education	Montana City of Billings Great Falls Sub - Butte, Mont	4428 428 428 428	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
W. Blanchard	Great Falls, Mont	428	✓	
Donna Parker	Great Falls	428	✓	
Freeman Morris	Great Falls, Mont	428	✓	
John J. Biscardi	Great Falls, Mont	428	✓	
John W. Donaldson	Missoula, Mont	428	✓	
Virginia T. Pheon	Missoula, Mont	428	✓	
John Heath	Missoula, Mont	428	✓	
James J. Cole	Missoula, Mont	428	✓	
George A. Gleis	Missoula, Mont	428	✓	
Robert T. Tuck	Miles City	428	✓	
Robert Fuchs	Miles City	428	✓	
John S. Larson	Great Falls & Helena	428	✓	
Howard H. Kersmith	Great Falls, Mont	428	✓	
John J. Bellard	St. Paul, Minn.	428	✓	
John F. Brooks	Great Falls, Mont	428	✓	
Kevin B. Maguire	St. Paul City Police	428	✓	
John E. Foss	Helena City Police	428	✓	
Robert A. Bell	Helena City Police	428	✓	
Donald B. Buckman	Helena Retired Police	428	✓	
George S. Sivingsley	Great Falls Retired Police	428	✓	
Mark Fiadola	" " " "	428	✓	

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VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Wendy Johnson	Great Falls Telephone	1498	C	
Wolff G (Kris)	Great Falls AT&T Phone	428	✓	
Robert McPherson	97 Falls Credit Assn	428	✓	
Jeff Pergola	27 NCABLE RP ^{AN}	428	✓	
Don Fadlon & T	Armonda Mont	428	✓	
Stephen Percin	Armonda Mont	428		
Mark Morris	St. Paul City	1428		

SENATE COMMITTEE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Date 4-8-77 House Bill No. 428 Time 9:56

NAME	YES	NO
George McCallum, Chairman	✓	
Robert Watt, Vice Chairman	✓	
Pete Story	✓	
Frank Dunkle	✓	
Lloyd Lockrem		
Bob Peterson	✓	
Cornie Thiessen	✓	
Bill Thomas	✓	

Mary Miller
Secretary

Howard McCalla
Chairman

Motion: Be Concurred In

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President.....

We, your committee on Local Government.....

having had under consideration House..... Bill No. 428.....

Respectfully report as follows: That House..... Bill No. 428.....

DO NOT PASS
BE CONCURRED IN