

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.

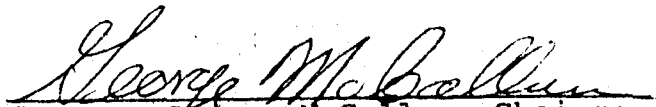
ROLL CALL: All members were present except Senator Story, Senator Thiessen and Senator Thomas, who were excused.

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 Carrol 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
James H. Curtis	Helena Ret. Pol.	428	✓	
John J. Elrick	" "	428	✓	
Arnona Bofto	Great Falls Mt.	428	✓	
Chen	Butte, Mont	428		
" "	" "	428	✓	
Mr. Blanchard	Great Falls, Mont	428	✓	
Ron Parker	Great Falls	428	✓	
Barbara Morris	Great Falls, Mont	428	✓	
William Bickel	Great Falls, Mont	428	✓	
Wm. W. W. W. W.	Missoula Mont	428		
Wm. T. Phelan	Missoula, Mont	428	✓	
Wm. H. Heath	Missoula, Mont	428	✓	
James J. Cole	Missoula, Mont	428	✓	
George A. Glenn	Missoula Mont.	428	✓	
David Tucker	Missoula City	428	✓	
Wm. Robert Fuchs	Missoula City	428	✓	
Wm. L. L. L.	Great Falls & Helena	428	✓	
Wm. W. W. W.	Great Falls Mont	428	✓	
Wm. W. W. W.	Gr. Falls, Mont.	428	✓	
Wm. W. W. W.	Great Falls Mont.	428	✓	
Wm. B. W. W.	Gr. Falls Ret. Police	428	✓	
Wm. E. W. W.	Helena Ret. Police	428	✓	
Wm. A. W. W.	Helena Ret. Police	428	✓	
Wm. B. W. W.	Helena Ret. Police	428	✓	
Wm. W. W. W.	Great Falls Ret. Police	428	✓	
Wm. W. W. W.	" " " "	428	✓	

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Vance Johnson

Great Falls Natl. Park

428

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✓

Robert McPherson

97 Falls Natl. Assn

428

✓

Vicki Herzog

27 N. CABLE RD ANN

428

✓

Ron Jackson

Anacosta Mont

428

✓

Stephen Percin

Anacosta Mont

428

Mike Martin

Chickadee

428

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

George McCallum  
Chairman

Motion: Be Concurred In

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

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 8 1977

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.....

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BE CONCURRED IN