MINUTES OF THE MEETING LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 11, 1977

The meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman McCallum on April 11 at 9:40 A. M. in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present except Senator Thiessen and Senator Watt.

The following visitors were present: Gregg L. McCurdy, Montana Association of Counties; Rod Gudgel, MNHA; E. Richard Isern, Central Montana Health District; Walter Koostra, Missoula Board of Health; Ed Shepherd, Silver Bow Health Department; Jon Tousan, Cascade County Health Department; Vernon Sloulin, Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 294: Representative Driscoll, Sponsor of House Bill 294, stated this was a back-up bill for public health codes provision that had been included in House Bill 122. Jon Tousan, Cascade County Health Department, representing Don Pizzini, Cascade Health Officer, testified in support of House Bill 294. Bob Johnson, Lewis and Clark County Health Department, testified in support of House Bill 294 stating there is an uneven distribution of money throughout the state for Most of the money is in Helena at the state health care. He stated this bill allows local health departments level. a little more freedom to set fees for services. Ed Shepherd, Silver Bow County Health Department and Rod Gudgel, Montana Nursing Association, testified in support of House Bill 294. Vern Sloulin, State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, testified in support of House Bill 294 stating this bill will improve working conditions with local departments. Dr. Walter Koostra, Missoula Board of Health, and Richard Isern, representing Dr. Paul Gans, testified in support of House Bill 294. Will Selzer, Sanitarian, Lewis and Clark County Health Department, stated House Bill 294 would reduce duplication of services with the state health department. He stated the 72 hour closure would be more efficient for handling gross sanitary infractions than revoking licenses which would cause adverse publicity. Gregg McCurdy, Montana Association of Counties, testified in support of House Bill 294.

Phil Strope, Innkeeping Association, opposed House Bill 294, expecially the 72 hour closure clause.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Senator George McCallum, Chairman

ROLL CALL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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