

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 13, 1977

The thirty-sixth meeting of the 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 by Senator Thiessen, Chairman at 11:20 A.M.

HOUSE BILL 622 was discussed. This was Representative Marks bill to have welfare recipients help to earn their check by working.

It was suggested that this bill might be able to go through and strike the funding by incorporating Towe's bill into it. This would involve striking line 12 and part of 13. Strike all of section 2 and insert sections 3,4,5,6,7, and 8 of S.B.436. Amend line 9 following "department" to insert of SRS. Strike page 3, section 5, and renumber the sections.

Senator Lockrem asked if we could have the council draft us a gray copy of the bill and then handle it later in the afternoon. Senator Thiessen asked Judy Rippingale to have this done.

HOUSE BILL 140 was discussed. This was the silicosis bill. It was suggested on page 1, line 2, following essential to put means a person having an income from any other source exceeding \$150 per month. (d) insert has an income of any source of \$300 a month or less and to include the spouse with income from any source, etc.

Senator Regan said she is trying to do what was intended in 1955, and drafting the kind of language raising from \$150 to \$300 per month. This will go into conference committee and they can work out what a reasonable sum should be.

She also moved to terminate the program in that application for silicosis payments by July 1, 1977. No applications for silicosis payments be accepted after that date, however it would take care of those who are now getting payments.

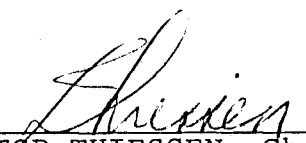
Motion by Senator Regan to accept the amendments. Voted and passed unanimous 11:44 A.M.

Motion by Senator Roberts that House Bill 140 as amended by concurred in. Voted and passed.

HOUSE BILL 725, sponsored by Representative Brand in regard to making the Twin Bridges center into a veterans center.

Motion by Senator Roberts that HB 725 be not concurred in. Voted and passed, 11:53

The meeting adjourned.


SENATOR THIESSEN, Chairman