

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 15, 1977

The thirty ninth 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 10:02 A.M. by Senator Thiessen, Chairman.

Senator Hims1 moved to reconsider the action taken on HOUSE BILL 250. Voted and passed.

Motion by Senator Hims1 to add Columbia Falls both in the title and in the body of the bill. He said the reason is the Anaconda Aluminum Plant there which employes 1,000 people. They have a serious problem with polution, and they are spending \$40 million in plant changes at the present time. He said he had talked to the manager there and it was hard to tell without a thorough check, but it looked as though about \$6 million of it was in polution control. They are now operating on a varience program with the state. Discussion was held on possibly substituting Columbia Falls for Hardin, or leaving it and others rather than naming the town. Senator Hims1 said he wanted Columbia Falls in the bill, and he said he thought maybe the reason they are operating under a varience now and are paying \$80,000 is for this monitoring unit within the varience allowed. If this study of ambient air is a problem in the state, then it whould also be the same in Columbia Falls. Dave Lewis said this money is resource and indemnity trust money. A portion of it is hard rock mining, oil, gas, etc., go into this trust.

Motion was voted to include Columbia Falls, passed, 10:16 A.M.

Motion by Senator Flynn that House Bill 250 be concurred in as amended. Voted and passed. 10:20 A.M.

HOUSE BILL 701 was reopened for a hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony from Dan Mizner, League of Cities and Towns. Mr. Mizner said after looking at the bill that they felt there should be an amendment on page 2, line 10, and on line 10 of page 3 making it 50% of the remaining money shall be dispersed as follows: it will be made to read a unit of local government shall, and on page 3, line 16, each unit of local government shall receive that fraction of money dispersed, etc. To amend page 3, line 3 to 5% instead of 10%, and to strike the governments state planning districts and insert unit of local government.

Mr. McCurdy, representing the counties said they had already discussed this and that he would agree with the amendments. He read a statement on county involvement.

Discussion was held on the ability of the cities and towns to handle this and the trouble the cities and towns had now to handle what they did have. Also on the ability of the Community Affairs to receive this money since it was a part of what they

are already doing and how much money would go for administration, versus how much money for material.

The Director of the Human Resources Development Program of the Community Affaris Department said the reason they were to receive the money is because they are working with the program and doing it now. He said they work with the cities and the towns and with SRS. He said up until now when they had applied for federal help they had had to rely on local money for their matching money, now they were requesting it of the state since the match might be much more.

Mr. Rupp said this program had been authorized by Congress and was administered through the Human Resources Division of Community Affairs to be used through community service organizations.

Mr. Mizner said they wanted the money since he felt they could put it to better use since they already had the administration to handle it.

Motion by Senator Lockrem to move the Mizner amendment.
Substitute motion by Senator Regan that the amendment do not pass.
Voted, failed, and the committee agreed to flip the vote for the first motion.

Motion by Senator Lockrem that the bill as amended be concurred in. Voted and passed.

HOUSE BILL 836, Wild Horse Island was briefly discussed.

Motion by Senator Hims1 that HB 836 do pass. Voted and passed.

HOUSE BILL 649, the Bertleson bill to reimburse parents on bus transportation for school children. This was discussed briefly.

Motion by Senator Thomas that this bill be concurred in, Voted and passed.

HOUSE BILL 242 the Palmer bill to provide expanded day care was discussed. Curt Nichols, analyst, said he had computed the savings you would have to get on a purely financial basis to justify it on a cost basis. He said it does not address any problems of philosophy--only fiscal. The results show that a substantial increase would have to work in order to justify this program on a cost basis.

Senator Regan said there seemed a great deal of concern about the fiscal note. She felt in order to come up with the figures they had come up with, they had to compute it as if all or nearly all working mothers would use day care, and be going to work. She suggested a regional pilot program with the two high unemployment counties of Lake and Missoula. This close area could reduce the amount of travel, and could be supervised closer for a better monitoring. She said she would offer this as a compromise. She said also that it should be sunsetted, and money should flow from uninterrupted methods, but have a limit to the total amount. This would allow it to flow from one biennium year to the other, without

stopping in the first year, then re-starting in the second if it did not go around.

Dave Lewis, office of Budget and Planning, was asked what part of the \$3.8 million program could be funded for \$784,000 and said you could probably run one region for this amount.

Ron Wise, from Pat Melby's SRS office said they had worked their estimate on a formula which included the number of day care hours that would rise with income of families who would be working, it assumes that day care would be available for every child that needs it, and they used agency data as to the number of people with working children under 6 years of age, also the day care rates in their calculations.

Senator Regan said she did not feel it was realistic to say that all children would be under this program.

Mr. Wise agreed it might be a little high.

A straw vote was taken to see how many would be willing to go along with a regional pilot program. Vote is attached.

HOUSE BILL 525, Mular's railroad assistance and planning act was discussed.

Motion by Senator Fasbender to strike section 17 in its entirety. He said this would keep the state from purchasing rolling stock and keep them out of the railroad business.


Motion was voted, passed, unanimous.

Motion by Senator Fasbender that H.B. 525 do pass as amended,

Motion by Senator Regan to include in the amendment to not take the money from the general fund unless they have the money to match.

The amendment was included by vote and the bill was voted with the agreement members in the conference committee would be allowed to vote before final typing of standing committee report and be sent out according to final vote. The result was that the bill was sent out without recommendation on a tie vote.

The meeting was adjourned.


SENATOR THIESSEN, Chairman

ROLL CALL

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1977

Date 4-15-77
10 AM

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
THIESSEN, CH	✓		
HIMSL, V.C.	✓		
STORY			
ETCHART	✓		
KOLSTAD	✓		
LOCKREM	✓		
NELSON	✓		
SMITH	✓		
STEPHENS	✓		
FASBENDER	✓		
BOYLAN			
FLYNN	✓		
MEHRENS	✓		
REGAN	✓		
ROBERTS	✓		
THOMAS	✓		

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The fourtieth meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met in room 331 of the State Capitol on the above date. Roll call was taken and the meeting was called to order at 8:06 by Senator Thiessen, Chairman.

HOUSE BILL 144 was explained by Senator Fasbender as the Long Range Building Bill. He said the money is coming basically from \$9.7 million from funds within the LRB itself, surplus interest earned and an additional \$6.14 from general funds. making a total of \$15,860,683.

He referred to page 3. This lists the programs and they are all mixed up. This was done on a priority list not by a particular area or reference, and is hard to follow. This is the main bill that deals with building, repair and maintenance. We wanted to coordinate programs with the building program this time, rather than to build a building and then put the program into the building because it is available. He said they might not have gotten as deeply into some as they should have, in some cases they had visited the areas, in some such as fish and game or parks programs all members of the committee had not been to them, in some cases they had to rely on information of others who had been there, plus the agencies involved. They also had the recommendations of the other subcommittees as well as the executive, and the state architect. He went through the areas such as Pine Hills, Mountain View, the Prison addition which he said would have more controversy than probably any other building. Here they were planning to build two new wings onto the present prison. He went into some detail on the efforts to get other areas to accept some of the prisoners, and the reluctance of the cities to accept the responsibility and the citizens concern over havinv anything in their areas. He told of the unforeseen, unprecedented and completely unplanned for increase in the prison population, a study of trends and predictions and the conclusion of the committee to build two wings on.

He went through the priority lists in the bill on the agencies, institutions, and universities and told the committee what the recommendations were that had been put into H. B. 144.

Phil Hauck expanded on the priority listings, told of the need in the different areas and why they felt they were higher on the list of priorities than some of the other requests. He said the water project at Boulder is strictly for the school and has no reference to the other bill that is in the Legislature in regard to the water and sewer for housing.

There was discussion on the cut in buildings and the feeling that with the rising costs they would be better off to build the building and furnish it later since the inflation seems to be going up much more in the building than in the equipment.

Phil Hauck spoke in favor of the preplanning work since then the state had something to base an estimate on to bring to the

Legislature.

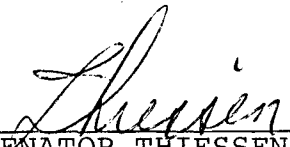
Phil Hauck said all buildings are now built with energy conservation in mind, and up to the standards.

The energy study is an attempt to deal with the older buildings that need insulation, double windows, or other things that would save energy. He said the whole thing is figured out with a pay out figured as to how soon, and how much.

He said some remodeling will have to be done in some of the buildings that are to be taken over by other agencies--such as the Highway building & the Department of Agriculture, etc.

Senator Fasbender went on through the bill listing those items under the OSPI, Judicial, Fish and Game, etc.

The meeting adjourned.



SENATOR THIESSEN, Chairman

ROLL CALL

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1977

8 AM
Joint

Date 4-16-77

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
THIESSEN, CH	✓		
HIMSL, V.C.	✓		
STORY	✓		
ETCHART	✓		
KOLSTAD	✓		
LOCKREM			
NELSON	✓		
SMITH	✓		
STEPHENS	✓		
FASBENDER	✓		
BOYLAN	✓		
FLYNN			
MEHRENS	✓		
REGAN	✓		
ROBERTS	✓		
THOMAS	✓		

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