

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 19, 1977

The forty fourth meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met on the above date at 3:20 P.M. in room 331 of the State Capitol Building. Roll call was taken and the meeting was called to order by Senator Thiessen, Chairman.

HOUSE BILL 708 was explained by Representative Driscoll as the bill that appropriated money to the DNR from the renewable resources development clearance fund account and appropriated it to various projects under the renewable resource program. He said it included a grant for the Boulder River reservoir project, a west bench irrigation project and a solid waste management project. He said there had been 9 requests for grants and the Department of Administration had cut down some, then it was put into the LRB subcommittee and they had cut it back further.

The \$300,000 for the solid waste recycling system was to get it off the ground in the three largest cities.

Discussion was held on some of the bills that were now pending final action and what the impact was going to be on the budget.

Representative Driscoll said some of the objections that the Local Government Committee had to House Bill 708 was already law and he would be very surprised if the Cities and Towns would not want the money in this bill. He said many of the land fill dump areas are being forced by the Health Department to either close down or to be changed into sanitary land fills, and this money will be needed.

HOUSE BILL 278 was discussed briefly by Representative Driscoll. He said he understood that Long Range Building has put an amendment in their bill to cover this, and it might be wise to hold 278 in committee.

HOUSE BILL 144 was explained by Senator Fasbender as the Long Range Building Capitol Construction bill. He said the bill did not have an effective date. In order to get the projects started sooner they would be able to save money and therefore because of the rapidly increasing prices, they had left this open.

He said another amendment was the Glendive Nursing Home-- it was sent from LRB to HB 145, and is now back in LRB, in HB 144, so they can get their furniture. It should be completed in 1977.

The Russell painting. It was an oversight that it was not in the bill earlier.

Senator Fasbender went through House Bill 144 and related what was in the bill and explained in some cases the reasoning behind the decisions made in the subcommittee.

Senator Fasbender explained that Representative Fabrega's bill to appropriate funds for Capitol Projects at the School for the Deaf and Blind and Montana State University from the Educational Trust Fund Account, would be put into the projects to help bring them more closely to a realistic funding, and to help these other two projects in the bill. He said any funds that were not used would go back into the fund.

Senator Fasbender also mentioned the House Bill 143 which was passed out without any immediate effective date, and since this was the supplemental and needed it before July 31 they could attempt to add it to this bill and try to avoid a problem.

Discussion was held on the Representative Scully attempt to over ride the LRB committee recommendations by placing an amendment in the main part of HB 144 to build a Television building at Bozeman, rather than the recommended building at Missoula. The LRB committee felt this could be a change that could have drastic effects on the Missoula Campus. They felt the building was needed a lot more at Missoula, and this could have an effect on enrollment, etc. Representative South said that they had kept the HB 143 funding grouped together so that if the bill did not pass it would not effect the major part of the bill, but the Scully amendment had gone onto the main bill and was not included in the grouping.

Senator Regan asked how the committee had arrived at their recommendations. Was it from the priority list, etc.

Senator Fasbender said they had taken the \$6 million and went through the list of projects that they felt were in immediate need and then went beyond that.

Representative Scully said his position is the film and T.V. building is long over due. Both the board of regents and this committee had had it on the priority list. The Board of Regents had it as 5th on the list and the Montana State Campus has it as the number one priority. Two members of the Board of Regents discussed with Senator Fasbender and Representative South the feasibility of combining the units. We could not find out who was behind this idea and asked for a hearing. As a result of the hearing we find their attitude was in favor of the building, that it would not be a duplication of services and was in a place where this building would not interfere with any thing else.

Senator Fasbender said he did not know the Board of Regents had made a decision on not combining the film services of the two universities. This was one of the reasons for waiting on the Bozeman Building was that the Board of Regents had to make a decision that was to be a long range effect on the film and Television placement in the University System. He said the committee was not denying the need for the Building at Bozeman, they felt the plan should be made and carried out so that the most efficient use of the buildings on the campuses would be taken care of. They felt the most urgent need was the building at Missoula.

Senator Fasbender said preplanning money had been left for the building at Bozeman. Senator Lockrem asked if preplanning really paid out and Phil Hauck said when they preplan a building they have more facts to go on, a better knowledge of the program, and of the costs so that when they are actually bid the state gets a better value for their dollars.

Questions were asked as to why the effective date was in the body of the bill, and Senator Fasbender said the main bill was put in with an effective date so that if the last part did not pass because of cancellation of H.B. 823 the remainder of the bill remained intact.

Senator Regan said in regard to the film and T. V. building at Bozeman--this is strictly the building, how much more for the equipment? and was told the request had been for \$800,000.

Senator Stephens said when you get into bying equipment for T. V. you can spend almost anything. He said you would have to find out what they wanted to do and go down the list item by item to find out what it would actually cost.

Motion by Senator Regan to leave House Bill 144 on the table until we see what happens to 823, and act accordingly.

Senator Fasbender asked Mr. Hauck about the library at NMC. Does the \$1.5 million include equipment that could possibly be funded next time? Phil Hauck answered that it would supplement equipment they have now and would be purely functional --they could save maybe one to \$150,000.

Senator Lockrem asked what sort of escalation would be in the cost of equipment, and Phil Hauck answered probably 8 to 10% per year.

Discussion was held on taking the T.V. building out of House Bill 144 and passing 823.

Senator Fasbender moved the Scully amendment be taken out of House Bill 144.

It was decided some corrections should be made first, including strike "or" and insert "and". A motion was made that this correction be incorporated in the bill as an amendment. Voted and passed. Unanimous.

Motion--Senator Fasbender to remove Scully Amendment was voted and passed, 11 yes, 4 no, roll call vote attached.

Motion by Senator Fasbender, that H.B. 144 as amended be concurred in. Voted and passed, roll call attached.

HOUSE BILL 708

Motion by Senator Stephens to strike line 14 through 19 on page 2.

Discussion held that we paid \$250,000 for a study on renewable resources--the bills are permissive. He said this concerned the feasibility of converting garbage to energy. The study has been completed and we have the legislation that is necessary.

Senator Story said he would support the amendment. The way we are going with the garbage it is getting really expensive. He said one of the southern states had gone this same route. Then the energy company said you have given us such a bad time, and it has left the people in that state with no energy facility to take care of what they created. He said when this was sold to the local government committee it was on the basis of Federal dollars that would be assigned. We did not do it to raid the coal fund.

Motion this bill be concurred in as amended. Voted and passed.

Motion by Senator Thomas that a letter of intent be included in the minutes., Voted and approved. Vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned.



SENATOR THIESSEN, Chairman

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on FINANCE AND CLAIMS

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 554

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 554

third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 1 and 2, section 1, lines 23 through line 1 on page 2.
Following: line 22
Strike: line 23 on page 1 through line 1 on page 2 in their entirety.

NOTES AND AS SO AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN

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SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date _____

Bill No. 708

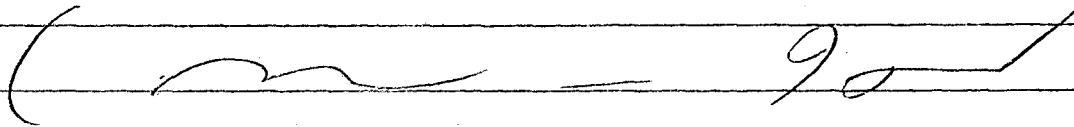
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NAME	YES	NO
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Hims1, V.C.	✓	
Story	✓	
Etchart	✓	
Kolstad	✓	
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson	✓	
Smith	✓	
Stephens	✓	
Fasbender	✓	
Boylan	✓	
Flynn	✓	
Mehrens	✓	
Regan	✓	
Roberts	✓	
Thomas	✓	
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	

Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion: _____


SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date _____

Bill No. 708

Time _____

NAME

YES

NO

Himsl, V.C.

Story

Etchart

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Lockrem

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Smith

Stephens

Fasbender

Boylan

Flynn

Mehrens

Regan

Roberts

Thomas

Thiessen, Chairman

Secretary

Chairman

Motion:

*Amend**no 62 or 14519*

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 4-19-7711Bill No. 144Time 4:04

NAME	YES	NO
Himsl, V.C.	✓	
Story	✓	
Etchart	✓	
Kolstad		✓
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson	✓	
Smith		✓
Stephens		✓
Fasbender	✓	
Boylan		✓
Flynn	✓	
Mehrens	✓	
Regan	✓	
Roberts	✓	
Thomas		✓
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	

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Secretary

Chairman

Motion:

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SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date _____

Bill No. 144Time 4:05

NAME	YES	NO
Hims1, V.C.	✓	
Story	✓	
Etchart	✓	
Kolstad	✓	
Lockrem	✓	
Nelson	✓	
Smith	✓	
Stephens	✓	
Fasbender	✓	
Boylan		✓
Flynn		✓
Mehrens	✓	
Regan		✓
Roberts		✓
Thomas	✓	
Thiessen, Chairman	✓	
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Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion: 16 90



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 14, 1977

Mr. Ted James, Chairman
P.O. Box 1346
Great Falls, Montana 59401

Dear Chairman James:

The joint education appropriations subcommittee has asked that I express its intent concerning the budget of the commissioner of higher education and related issues.

1. Funds were provided to the commissioner of higher education to have a director of management systems, a financial deputy, an auditor, and a finance director to oversee all collective bargaining and financial positions.
2. No funds were appropriated the commissioner to have his utilities and housing paid.
3. We would intend that the board of public education's professional assistant and secretary be housed without any rent and utility costs in the office space funded through the commissioner of higher education's budget.
4. The negotiated prebudgetary agreements for classified employees and faculty which were incorporated into the board of regents' budgetary request were not funded. In addition, it is the committee's position that the regents should make every attempt to eliminate the current wage disparity between the classified employees in the university system and the other classified employees in state government so that the concept of equal work for equal pay will exist throughout state government.
5. The cost and source of funds for building operations and up-keep needs to be examined for all universities including facilities financed by bond indentures. It is our intent that all campuses develop a uniform, recharge system.

I would be happy to discuss these matters further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

CR Thiesen

Carroll V. South

Representative Carroll V. South, Chairman
Joint Education Appropriations Subcommittee

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 19 1977

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on FINANCE AND CLAIMS

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 144

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 144

Committee of the Whole amendments dated April 19, 1977, be amended as follows:

1. Amend Representative Menahan's amendment that amends page 2, line 14.

Following: "insert;"

Strike: "or"

Insert: "and"

2. Amend Representative Scully's amendment that amends page 5, line 23.

Strike: the amendment in its entirety.

AND AS SO AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN

ADOPTED

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on FINANCE AND CLAIMS

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 708

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 708

third reading copy, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section 1, lines 14 through 19.
Following: line 13
Strike: lines 14 through 19 in their entirety

AND AS SO AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN
DO PASS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

4-18-77

MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND HOUSE BILL NO! 144, SECOND READING BILL,
AS FOLLOWS:

1. Amend page 10, section 9.

Following: line 25

Insert: "The director of the department of fish and game may not conclude the purchase of any fishing access, game range, or park land from the above funds until the individual purchases have been reviewed by the legislative finance committee."

AS AMENDED DO PASS

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

April 19, 1977

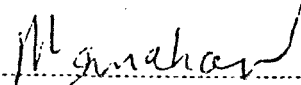
MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND HOUSE BILL NO. 144, second reading copy,
as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 14.

Following: "amendment"

Insert: " or certificate of need assesment is applied to any medical
or long term care facility"

AS AMENDED
DO PASS


MENAHAN

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

April 19, 1977

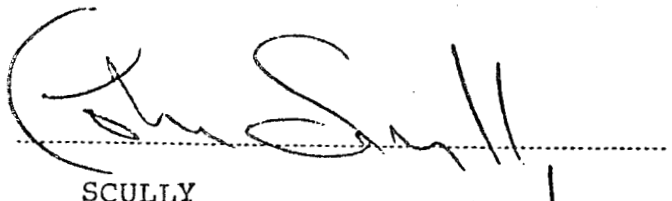
MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND: HOUSE BILL NO. 144, second reading copy,
as follows:

1. Amend page 5, line 23.

Following: line 23

Insert: "Film and Television Building Construction----
Montana State University \$1,264,500

AS AMENDED
DO PASS

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Scully", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

SCULLY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

4-18-77

MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND HOUSE BILL NO. 144, SECOND READING BILL,

AS FOLLOWS:

1. Amend title, lines 5 and 6.

Following: "1979"

Strike: ", AND"

Insert: ";

2. Amend title, line 7.

Following: "APPROPRIATIONS"

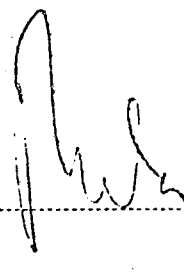
Insert: "; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR HOUSE BILL 143"

3. Amend page 11.

Following: line 4

Insert: "Section 11. Effective date of House Bill 143. The effective date of House Bill 143, Laws of 1977, is April 18, 1977."

AS AMENDED DO PASS



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND House Bill No. 144, second reading copy, as follows:

1. Amend page 11.

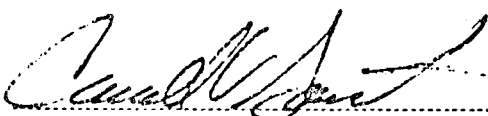
Following: line 4 ¹⁴ ^{cc 7}

Insert: "Section ~~13~~ ¹⁵ ^{cc 7} Education Trust Fund Projects.

Library, Northern Montana College	1,500,000
Science Building, University of Montana	1,000,000
Auto diesel lab, Northern Montana College	70,000
Handicapped projects, Montana University system	500,000
Physical Education complex, School for the Deaf & Blind	1,250,000
Electronic Spectroscope, Montana Tech	240,000
Preplanning T.V. facility, Montana State University	25,000

Section ~~13~~ ¹⁵ ^{cc 7} Reversion. In the amount the appropriations from section 13 are less than the amount transferred from the education trust fund account in House Bill 823 a reversion shall be made to the education trust fund account."

AS AMENDED
DO PASS


SOUTH

HSP/lkl
April 18, 1977

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND House Bill No. 144, second reading copy, as follows:

1. Amend title, line 7.
Following: "APPROPRIATIONS"
Insert: "; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE"
2. Amend page 4, section 8, line 10.
Following: "Protection"
Insert: ", Lewistown"
3. Amend page 4, section 8, line 16.
Following: "Springs"
Insert: ", Galen, Boulder"
4. Amend page 4, section 8, line 19.
Following: "Roof"
Insert: "and Water Improvement"
5. Amend page 4, section 8.
Following: line 25
Insert: "Glendive Nursing Home - Furniture" "54,000"
6. Amend page 7, section 8.
Following: line 19
Insert: "Russell and Paxson Mural Preservation, Capitol
Capitol Building FPRA" "15,000"
7. Amend page 11, section 10, line 2.
Following: "all"
Insert: "laundry"
8. Amend page 11.
Following: line 4, 2
Insert: "Section ~~11~~ 12. Revenue sharing appropriation. There is appropriated from the FPRA revenue sharing capital construction account no. 04601 to account no. 06142 in the bond proceeds and insurance clearance fund \$523,123.
Section ~~12~~ 13 Effective date. Sections 1 through section 11 of this act are effective upon passage and approval."

AS AMENDED
DO PASS


SOUTH

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

HSP/bje

April 18, 1977

MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND House Bill No. 144, second reading bill,
as follows:

1. Amend page 8, section 8.

Following: line 11

Insert: "The appropriation of ERA may be spent only after all
approved loans for the airport development aid projects have been
fully funded."

AS AMENDED

DO PASS

Paul

Because of later action on this bill changing the action in our committee, the letter of intent was no longer needed, and was not written. This was checked with the fiscal analyst.