

January 18, 1979

Chairman Brand called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., roll call was taken with McBride being excused and Bardanouve

SB 7-Sponsored by Sen. Story -- Right now the Historical Society Board is being paid \$25, this bill makes it so that they get not more than \$25. Bills like this are due to recodification.

NO PROPONENTS OR OPPONENTS

SB 24-Sponsored by Sen. Story -- There are two people from the Auditor's Office and a man from the Legislative Council here to answer any questions you might have. This was requested by the Insurance Commissioner and also the Legislative Auditor. Page 2, line 3 puts in mandatory language, and the Code Commissioner can use his staff more flexibly.

NO PROPONENTS OR OPPONENTS

NO QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE, SPONSOR CLOSES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SB 7-O'CONNELL moves that SB 7 BE CONCURRED IN, motion carries unanimously. FEDA is assigned to carry the bill on the floor.

SB 24-STAIKMILLER moves that SB 24 BE CONCURRED IN, motion carries unanimously. KANDUCH is assigned to carry the bill on the floor.

FEDA moves that SB 7 be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR, motion carries unanimously.

KANDUCH moves that SB 24 be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR, motion carries unanimously.

HB 76-BRAND-We want to appoint a subcommittee. He explained the proposed amendments involving the insertion of a statement to the effect of obtaining printing at the lowest unit cost available on line 18; and striking "2%" on 17 and inserting "3%". I will appoint BAETH, MAGONE and FEDA, with Baeth being Chairman.

HB 82-BRAND-The Chairman of Business & Industry won't release HB 176, so we might as well get HB 82 out and on the floor. Quilici says it has a fiscal note attached and he has already sent for it, and scheduled the hearing. Right now the bill states \$150 million.

PISTORIA moves to amend HB 82 to raise \$150 million back to \$375 million.

SALES-Lines 22 and 23 set the amount of the bonds they can have outstanding and that's what connects this to HB 176.

SALES makes a substitute motion to set the debt amount at \$275 million.

JOHNSTON-If we are making an issue of the \$375 million, then taking it down would be ridiculous. PORTER-I have been misunderstood, and many times that is a sign of greatness. I have had a great many calls about this bill, and the problem isn't one of right or wrong; I think the Legislature should be in a position

to review this board. Now we could say we want the board to come back to us. If they use this wisely and expand their available funds, they can come back to us. They have been short for about two and one half months, so \$275 million would be more than enough for the biennium; and if there's something that needs to be pulled a little tighter we can do it then. I endorse \$275. AZZARA-The Montana Housing Board should report to the State Administration Committee at least once a year. (This was said in the manner of a proposed amendment. ns) BRAND-That isn't possible, we only meet every two years.

BRAND-The substitute motion of Sales to set the debt limit at \$275 million is on the floor, we'll have a roll call vote. The motion carried 9 to 8 - McBride excused, Kanduch, Smith, Sales, Kropp, Porter, Hayne, Fedra, Donaldson and Bennett voting in favor of the amendment.

KANDUCH moves to reconsider the action, another roll call vote was taken, which passed with Kanduch and Bennett voting in favor of the reconsideration. A new roll call was taken on the motion of Sales to amend the amount down to \$275 million, which failed 10 - 7 -- NO: Brand, O'Connell, Staigmiller, Pistoria, Kanduch, Baeth, Azzara, Magone, Johnston, and Bennett.

DONALDSON-There are no mandates that we can put in to make them come back in two years? BRAND-I don't know. BAETH-We can't put an amendment in to have them come back to this committee in two years? DONALDSON-In HB 176, can't we review it and if we can't put revisions in this, then the only thing we have to do is put the limit down. Every lending agency I talked to said the same thing -- if we put it at \$375 million, we will never see them again. PORTER-Olson said he would have no objection if it were left at the same figure if they could come back in the 47th session for more money. BRAND-What you guys are talking about can be done in HB 176. JOHNSTON-The best way would be a joint resolution presented by the two bodies directing this board to have a review every two years. MAGONE-Wouldn't they be subject to the Legislative Auditor? BRAND-HB 176 is where an amendment should go for coming back to be reviewed. The business people you have referred to, Mr. Porter, should come to the Business & Industry Committee and propose this amendment.

BRAND-We will now vote again on the substitute of Rep. Sales to drop the limit to \$275 million, take a roll call. Motion fails -- NO: Brand, O'Connell, Staigmiller, Pistoria, Kanduch- Baeth, Azzara, Magone, Johnston, and Bennett.

BRAND-So now we revert to Pistoria's original motion to amend the amount to \$375 million, the original amount in the introduced bill. Let's have another roll call vote.

The motion to restore the original amount of \$375 million to HB 82 carried with YES votes being: Brand, O'Connell, Staigmiller, Pistoria, Kanduch Baeth, Azzara, Magone, Johnston, and Bennett.

O'CONNELL moves that HB 82 DO PASS, which carries with the roll call vote being the same as on the previous motion.


HB 58-BRAND-This was brought back from the floor and we will hold it for a possible committee bill.

HB 87-BRAND-We need a motion to amend Page 3, line 3 to delete "lieutenant governor - that's the only one we forgot.

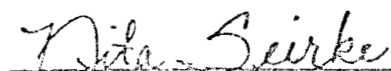
FEDA so moves, the motion carries unanimously. PISTORIA moves HB 87 AS AMENDED DO PASS, which carries unanimously.

Johnston moves to adjourn, carried.

Adjourn: 3:45 a.m.



Joe Brand, Chairman



Nita Sierke, Secretary