

January 24, 1979

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Metcalf; all members were present except Rep. Quilici. Also attending the meeting was Majority Leader Dussault.

Chairman Metcalf called on the Majority Leader to explain her request for retaining an attorney for the House. The Majority Leader said she had spoken with Speaker Gerke regarding this matter, and that he agreed there would be a need for an attorney in regard to the Select Committee on Prisons. She further explained that there were other occasions when an attorney was needed, and that it would be very helpful to be able to call on an attorney for questions regarding a bill or other matters.

The Majority Leader said she had contacted Joan Uda, an attorney who was just setting up in private practice, and would be available for the session. The Majority Leader then gave a brief resume of the proposed employment conditions submitted by Ms. Uda. (see attached)

More discussion followed concerning the money involved, and the Majority Leader again stressed the need for an attorney being available when legal opinions were needed, and that an attorney would be needed for some research regarding the Select Committee on Prisons.

Rep. Lory pointed out that since we were well into January, the cost for the remainder of the session would not be that great, and asked when she would be coming aboard. The Majority Leader said it would be immediately.

Chairman Metcalf asked if there were any further questions, and there being none, Rep. Meyer moved that this committee approve the hiring of Joan Uda; Rep. Magone seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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PROPOSAL FOR EMPLOYMENT

My proposal is in the alternative, as follows:

I. A three month contract calling for a retainer of \$1000 per month for hours up to 55 per month, at \$25 per hour for the next 20 hours, and over that at \$20 per hour; or

II. A three month contract at \$22.50 per hour, up to 80 hours per month, and with a minimum of at least 40 hours of work per month.

To put the above figures in context:

My private billing rate is \$40 per hour (\$50 for time spent in court). For the state of Montana, \$35 per hour (\$50 for time spent in court). The retainer rate above is \$18.18 per hour, assuming that the entire 55 are worked.

A conservative estimate of my private overhead is \$6.88 per hour for a 40 hour week.

When I left state employment, my hourly rate including salary, health insurance contribution, and state benefits, was approximately \$16.03 (\$27,000 base salary, 15% benefits, \$360 state health insurance contribution). At SRS it was approximately \$2 per hour less.

Per employee, it appears that state overhead costs run very approximately 40% of salary. Thus, at my most recent salary, overhead would have been about \$6.40 per hour. At that rate, my cost per hour to the state of Montana would have been about \$22.40.

On an hourly rate, the client is billed only for hours spent in productive work. Coffee breaks, trips to the water fountain, travel time in town and other matters are not done on the client's time.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. SPEAKER.....

We, your committee on LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION/BILLS AND JOURNAL

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ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION BE APPROVED BY THIS BODY:

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Lori Walker-----Secretary (Part time)

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