

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
February 20, 1979

The meeting was called to order by  
Chairman Scully at 6:30 p.m. in  
room 436 of the Capitol Building, during a recess of the session.

HOUSE BILL NO. 835:

Representative Keyser moved to  
reconsider the committee action  
on the committee bill on political criminal libel. The motion to  
reconsider carried with Representative Uhde voting "no". Following  
the motion, discussion centered around the actions of several  
members concerning the bill. Mr. Scully told the committee to  
either go with the bill or table it, he did not want to be caught  
in the middle. Several other comments were made also concerning  
this, from other members.

Representative Keyser moved to table.  
The motion carried with two of the  
members voting "no", Representatives Scully and Anderson.

HOUSE BILL NO. 885:

Representative Keedy said that this  
was just a fall-back bill and that  
he could see an error already. "I am concerned with the breadth of  
the definition of seriously mentally ill. I will amend the error  
on the floor." He explained the bill further and his reason for  
drafting it. He said he has spent the last two years studying the  
problem and working with a way to solve it.

Representative Curtiss moved "do  
pass". The motion carried with  
Representatives Holmes, Rosenthal, Uhde and Kemmis voting "no".

HOUSE BILL NO. 887:

Representative Scully said that  
this bill had been lost in the counsel  
and that they had just now got it up. The bill will revise the laws  
relating to insurance companies. It deals with the life insurance  
companies invest in real estate. This bill came about because of  
the insurance company "Life of Montana". It is the only insurance  
company formed after 1974. They are entirely Montana owned and they  
have invested a lot in real estate. There are two amendments that  
Senator Anderson would like to see done. We want to reinsert the  
language so that life insurance companies can engage in properties.  
He went through the sections of the bill, explaining in more detail.  
It sets out the list of assets and computer technology on page 4.

They have taken this bill that was  
originally written for Life of  
Montana and meshed it with the federal law. They want to be able to  
invest their money in real estate and have meshed it through the

Commissioners office. In Montana they also prohibited oil investment percentages, and several other types of investments. Mike Anderson was very skeptical and that is why he wanted the two amendments. Mr. Scully said he would reinsert the investment on agriculture on page 18.

Representative Roth moved "do pass". The motion carried with Representative Conroy voting "no".

There was no further business to come before the committee at this time so the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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John P. Scully, Chairman