

March 17, 1979

## LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Metcalf, with all of the members present. Chief Clerk, Martha McGee and Assistant Chief Clerk, Art Noonan were also present. Speaker Gerke arrived shortly after the meeting began, and also attended the meeting.

The first order of business was the discussion of the voting machine and sound system in the House chambers. Chairman Metcalf requested that Martha McGee give a resume regarding information on DACTRONICS equipment, and speakers for the chambers. Martha said she had talked with Don Liles about purchasing speakers, and that he quoted a price of \$130.00 per speaker if six speakers were purchased; otherwise each speaker would cost \$159.00. Chairman Metcalf asked if they could be obtained soon, and Martha said she assumed they could.

After more discussion as to the need of the speakers, the members agreed that they were indeed needed, and Rep. Meyers moved that six speakers be purchased; the members voted and it was unanimous.

Chairman Metcalf again called on Martha regarding the information she had on voting machine and sound system equipment. She supplied the members with books on the equipment, which they looked at and discussed, and informed the members that a representative could come to Helena and meet with them to further explain and give prices on the needed equipment.

Chairman Metcalf said they also had information regarding voting machines and sound systems from the Sgt.-at-arms, Dick Meyer, from another firm. This material was passed around and inspected, and Rep. Magone said he thought this committee should look at as much material as possible before making a decision.

Rep. Quilici suggested that a study be made by this committee during the interim regarding this matter, and further suggested that perhaps a resolution to that effect be drafted. Rep. Quilici said there really was a problem with the present equipment, and that for the past three years they had seen the need to do something about it. He suggested that this committee could draft a resolution for the study to be made. Rep. Quilici reminded the members that these things always took a great deal of time to install etc. and that this committee should really make every attempt to initiate the move to obtain a new voting machine and sound system.

Chairman Metcalf inquired as to an approximate figure of the cost of all of this, and Martha McGee said they were probably looking at about \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Rep. Quilici said he thought they should really look at every possible outlet for this equipment before purchasing. Rep. Magone agreed and added that the material he was looking at from International Roll Call offered a good system, and that the price was about \$19,000, and that a representative would come and talk to the members also. He was not sure what all was included in that

figure, but he assumed the representative could come and talk to the members and give them a break-down of it.

Chairman Metcalf inquired whether the system would last through another session, and suggested that an appropriation bill be put in as well as a resolution in the event that it would be needed sooner than they thought.

Rep. Lory asked when the Senate had purchased theirs, and Art Noonan said it was in 1975. Rep. Lory asked if there was a chance of obtaining the necessary equipment before the next session, and agreed that an appropriation bill be put in for it. There was further discussion as to the amount of money needed for this matter, and it was determined that the present system had been installed in 1971.

More discussion followed regarding the present system, and the condition thereof. Art Noonan pointed out that there was some sort of short in the wiring it appeared, and that it was very precarious. He further said there would undoubtedly be a vast improvement in the type of systems offered today, as electronics had advanced so rapidly in the past few years.

Rep. Quilici said this committee should make some sort of a recommendation as to what was needed exactly, and the amount of money that would be needed to improve the system or obtain a new one, but he felt that every possibility should be looked into before making a final move; and that they should inquire as to what all was included when talking about the purchase price.

The Speaker suggested that this committee go with Dacronics.

Chairman Metcalf said he would draft a resolution and also an appropriation bill with perhaps a blank left thereon for the actual figure needed, which could be filled in when they had come to a decision regarding that matter.

Martha McGee reported on the contract they now had, and pointed out that there had been an error in the amount they had credited the Council. She said after looking the contract over, she noticed the error and called it to their attention, and they then credited our account with \$2,225.00.

Chairman Metcalf called for a motion regarding the proposed resolution and bill which they had discussed. A motion was made that this committee draft a resolution and an appropriation bill to study and purchase a new voting system and sound system, respectively. The members voted and it was unanimous.

Martha McGee then gave a report as to the staff and progress of the committees etc. There was further discussion as to the number of bills in committees yet to be completed or acted on, and Martha reported that she had given notice to some persons as their work had been completed. (see attached sheet).

Martha further reported that the people were moving from the annex to the main building, and that some of the secretaries were being placed in other positions on the staff. She said some of the committees would be needing extra help now to complete the work; Appropriations and Taxation, namely. Martha McGee pointed out that some of the people were to be put on call so that if they were needed as the session went on, they could be called back to work.

Rep. Quilici said he remembered from past sessions that they had worked it that way, and it was a good way to handle it.

The Speaker remarked that he was not going to authorize any more overtime. He said he thought people could work their eight hours and others could come in and work the extra hours if there were any; that they could change off and thereby have no overtime hours.

Rep. Quilici said they had been watching closely as to the work and overtime for the staff, and were extremely pleased with the way it had been going. He further said that this committee had been in close touch with the activity and that he thought the staff was doing very well in keeping down the overtime considering the hours the legislature had been in session. He pointed out the fact that the session had just recently begun to go in at an early hour, but for the most part, had been starting at 4:00 o'clock and therefore the staff was compelled to stay after hours to complete the work each day.

Chairman Metcalf said he thought that they were doing fine as far as the hours and pay thus far for the staff; he said that actually we were in better shape this session, considering the money expended, and explained that the 12 cent addition per hour in lieu of insurance, plus the pay scale increase only slightly increased the total expenditure, thereby showing that they had done quite well thus far.

The Speaker said he did not mean that those people 'down here' should not work overtime, but was referring to the committee secretaries and people in the steno pool etc. More discussion followed, and shortly thereafter the meeting was adjourned.

March 16, 1979

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHIEF STENO

AS OF MARCH 23, 1979 TERMINATE:

BARBARA SCHUYLER	(AGENCY #1 SUBCOMMITTEE)
JEAN TSCHIRGI*	(STENOGRAPHER)
IRIS BASTA*	(PART-TIME SUBCOMMITTEE SECRETARY)
CHERYL VANDERACRE*	(PART-TIME STENO)
LORI WALKER*	(PART-TIME STENO)
MARTHA WING*	(SECRETARY-EDUCATION)
MICHELLE SPARKS	(PROOFREADER)

\*LEAVE ON CALL

AS OF MARCH 31, 1979

LEWIS SMITH	(PROOFREADER)
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March 21, 1979

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHIEF CLERK

AS OF MARCH 24, 1979 TERMINATE:

MARC STRAHN\* (READING CLERK)

\*LEAVE ON CALL

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 23, 1979

MR. **SPEAKER**.....

We, your committee on LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION/BILLS AND JOURNAL

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RECOMMEND THAT THE FOLLOWING BE EMPLOYED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 46TH SESSION AT THE BEGINNING OF BUSINESS MARCH 19, 1979:

DALE SCHLAMP-----	PAGE
ROBIN MELLE-----	PAGE
JEAN WALLACE-----	PAGE
JESSIE BUCHANAN-----	PAGE
DIANA MILLER-----	PAGE
DEANNA ST. ONGE-----	PAGE

AT THE BEGINNING OF BUSINESS MARCH 21, 1979:

BILL MERCER-----PAGE  
ROBERT DAILY-----PAGE

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, MARCH 17 AND 30, THE FOLLOWING ALSO BE  
TERMINATED:

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MATHEW MCCANN-----	PAGE
CASEY JOHNSTON-----	PAGE
CAROL ENGLER-----	PAGE
DONNA HORROW-----	PAGE
MARY NORDELL-----	PAGE
MATT PELLETIER-----	PAGE
PATRICIA EUSTERMAN-----	PAGE
MARE BURNHAM-----	PAGE
LINDA DUFFIN-----	PAGE
MIKE MENAHAN-----	PAGE

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

INTRODUCED BY

*Legislative Administration Committee  
Metcalf, Magone, Furler, Meyer, Long*

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTING AND SOUND SYSTEMS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE REPLACEMENT SYSTEMS IF FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, the House roll call and sound systems were installed in 1971 and are becoming increasingly vulnerable to malfunction and increasingly costly to maintain and repair; and

WHEREAS, the current roll call and sound systems utilize outdated electronic components and obsolete wired circuitry panels; and

WHEREAS, the current roll call and sound system has a short circuit somewhere in the system that maintenance men cannot locate and that occasionally renders the system inoperative or produces poor sound quality; and

WHEREAS, great advances have been made in the field of electronics since the House system was installed, including the development of "micro" and "printed" circuitry and magnetic memory units; and

1        WHEREAS, several new systems are available that would  
2        provide more reliability, efficiency, and greater  
3        flexibility in use of display subject matter.

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5        NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6        REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

7        That the Legislative Administration Committee be  
8        authorized to conduct an interim study of the various  
9        systems available, including an analysis of the systems in  
10       use by other state legislatures.

11       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if funds are appropriated,  
12       the Legislative Administration Committee after concluding  
13       its study is authorized, pursuant to Joint Rule 3-15, to  
14       purchase and have installed new roll call and sound systems  
15       for the House of Representatives prior to the convening of  
16       the 47th Legislature.

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# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 21

1972

MR. SPLAKER

We, your committee on LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration HOUSE RESOLUTION Bill No. 3

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE HOUSE ROLL CALL VOTING AND SOUND SYSTEMS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE REPLACEMENT SYSTEMS IF FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE RESOLUTION Bill No. 3

DO PASS

MARCH 16

1979

MR. SPEAKERWe, your committee on LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION/BILLS AND JOURNAL

RECOMMEND THAT THE FOLLOWING BE EMPLOYED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FOR THE 46TH SESSION AT THE BEGINNING OF BUSINESS MARCH 12, 1979:

MATTHEW McCANN-----PAGE  
CASZY JOENSTON-----PAGE  
CAROL ENGLER-----PAGE  
DONNA MORROW-----PAGE  
MARY NORDELL-----PAGE  
MATT PELLETIER-----PAGE  
PATRICIA EUSTERMAN-----PAGE  
MARK BURNHAM-----PAGE

AT THE BEGINNING OF BUSINESS MARCH 14TH, 1979, THE FOLLOWING ALSO BE  
EMPLOYED:

LINDA DUFFIN-----PAGE  
MIKE MENAHAN-----PAGE

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MARCH 10 and 13, 1979, THE FOLLOWING ALSO BE  
RESMINATED:

JASON GREER-----PAGE  
DENISE DONALDSON-----PAGE  
DEANA BARBO-----PAGE  
TERRY STEPHENS-----PAGE  
JANICE TONKIN-----PAGE  
FERI GERKE-----PAGE  
BOBBETTE PHILLIPS-----PAGE

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