

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 26, 1979
Room 104
State Capitol Building
Subject: House Bill 918
919

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 A.M. by Chairman Francis Bardonove. All members of the committee were present except for Representative Bengston who was absent and Representatives Lund and Hurwitz who were excused.

The Chairman presented Representative Arlyne Reichert, Great Falls, the sponsor of House Bill 919. Representative Reichert stated that this bill appropriates \$60,000 for the purpose of funding a statewide cancer tumor register. She said that at the present time we are unable to assess which segments of our population are being afflicted and which are receiving beneficial care. As a result of not having a statewide method of documenting cancer statistics, Montana has no way to accurately answer the who, what, how and why questions concerning Montanans that are afflicted with the disease. She further stated that in some states, cancer reporting is mandated by law, while in others reporting is voluntary. She concluded her testimony by stating that perhaps 80% of all cancers are environmentally caused. This concluded her presentation and there were no other proponents to the bill and no opponents.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Representative Hand asked Representative Reichert why her legislation was originally introduced through the Taxation Committee, and Representative Reichert explained that the funding was originally to be through cigarette tax.

This closed the hearing on House Bill 919.

The hearing was then opened on House Bill 918. Chairman Bardonove introduced Representative Metcalf, the sponsor of the legislation. Representative Metcalf stated that he is appearing on behalf of the Legislative Administrative Committee. It is that committee's responsibility to be sure that everything runs smoothly during the session. He said that they have had trouble with the sound system and the roll call voting machine. They have been lucky that it has lasted the session without a major breakdown. Representative Metcalf went on to say that the present system was installed in 1971 at a cost of \$93,585.00. He said that costs have nearly doubled since that time. He also said that we now have a maintenance contract which runs about \$2225.00 a year. This is going to be raised to \$3,335.00. He stated that there is a short circuit in the system that nobody can find or fix. He continued that there are new systems that have been developed and he said that the committee has done some preliminary

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work in looking for a new system and that they are going to try to use as much of the present system, such as the name board and microphones, as possible. They are not exactly sure what the total cost will be but that any money that is not used will be reverted back to the general fund. Representative Metcalf went on to say that House Joint Resolution 3 authorizes the Legislative Administration Committee to do an interim study comparing other states with the kind of equipment they are using. This resolution would also let them do the work during the interim.

He introduced Martha McGee, the Chief Clerk, who stated that their capabilities with this equipment are limited. She went on to give examples of kinds of equipment that could be utilized.

There were no further proponents and no opponents to the legislation.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Representative Yardley questioned the length of time the present system has lasted. Representative Knealen asked for an explanation of the type of machinery that the Senate uses.

Representative Hand stated that if you add up all the figures mentioned by Representative Metcalf, you are still short about \$20,000.

Representative Metcalf responded, saying that this is a bare bones figure. They could need that much or this could be enough depending upon who they get to do the work.

Representative Hand questioned the possibility of getting a system that could be updated and Representative Waldron wondered about the possibility of a trade-in on the current equipment.

Representative Metcalf replied that they haven't looked into all the details yet. They hope they can use a lot of the equipment they now have.

This concluded the hearing on House Bill 918.

Chairman Bardanouve then explained the contents of House Bill 921 stating that this is the last of the supplemental bills. He said we have to come with new figures to finish the supplementals. He presented John LaFaver, the Fiscal Analyst who explained the supplementals as follows:

Boulder River School and Hospital	\$1,385,011	General Fund
Galen State Hospital	154,321	General Fund
Department of SRS	\$6,545,000	General Fund
	179,000	Other Funds
State Prison	\$ 240,000	Other Funds

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Department of Military Affairs

\$1,387,491 General Funds

Mr. LaFlaver said that would be a net cost of about \$680,000.

There was then a lengthy discussion on the difference in the original appropriation and the actual needed appropriation for the institutions. Further discussion was held on the cost of the strike per day to the state.

There were no further presentations before the committee and they then took executive action on House Bill 921.

HOUSE BILL 921

Representative Menahan made a motion to take the \$600,000 out of the budget for the Department of Administration. With Representatives Bengston, Hurwitz and Lund absent and with Representatives Ellis, Gesek, Hand, Kvaalen, Marks, Manuel, South, Wood, Yardley and Bardanoue voting No, the motion failed.

Representative Marks then made a motion that House Bill 921 Do Pass. With Representatives Bengston, Hurwitz and Lund absent, and with Representative Menahan voting No, the motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 282

After a short briefing on House Bill 282, Representative Moore made a motion that House Bill 282 Do Not Pass. Representative Waldron made a substitute motion that House Bill 282 Do Pass. After a short discussion, Representative Moore made a motion that House Bill 282 be amended to read \$425,000 instead of \$500,000. Again after discussion, the three previous motions were withdrawn and it was decided to give this legislation further consideration before making a decision on it.

HOUSE BILL 418

Representative Moore made a Motion that House Bill 418 Do Not Pass. Representative Yardley then made a substitute motion that House Bill 418 be amended to read on line 1w "\$4.50 until December 31, 1980 and \$5.00 thereafter". With Representatives Bengston and Lund absent and with Representative Hurwitz abstaining all members of the committee voted favorably on the amendment to the motion.

Representative Yardley then made a motion that House Bill 418, as amended, Do Pass. With Representatives Bengston, and Lund absent and with Representative Hurwitz abstaining, and with Representatives Kvaalen, Moore and Wood voting No, the motion carried.

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HOUSE BILL 282

Once again House Bill 282 was presented for executive action. A motion to amend by Representatives Marks was withdrawn. No action was taken on motions to amend by Representatives South and Marks. Representative Gesek made a motion that House Bill 282 Do Pass. No action was taken on this motion.

After a lengthy discussion Representative Ellis made a motion to amend House Bill 282 by striking \$50,000 on line 13 of page 2 and inserting \$375,000. With Representatives Bengston, Hurwitz and Lund absent, the motion carried unanimously with all members voting in favor of the motion.

At this time Representative Waldron made a motion to amend House Bill 282 further by requiring the Department of SRS to report to the next legislature. On a voice call, the motion carried unanimously.

Representative Moore then made a motion that House Bill 282, as amended, Do Pass. Again on a voice call, the motion carried unanimously.

HOUSE BILL 895

Representative Menahan made a motion that House Bill 895 Do Pass. Representative Ellis made a motion that House Bill 895 be amended regarding the Board of Nursing. No action taken on either of the two mentioned motions.

Representative Waldron then made a motion to amend House Bill 895 on line 18 of page 3 by changing the \$8,234 to \$19,746. On a voice call, motion carried unanimously. Representative Moore then made a motion that House Bill 895, as amended, Do Pass. Again on a voice call, motion carried unanimously.

HOUSE BILL 919

Representative Moore made a motion that House Bill 919 Do Not Pass. With Representatives Bengston and Lund absent and with Representatives Ellis, Gesek, Hand, Manning, Menahan, Yardley and Bardanouve voting No, the motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 918

Representative Yardley made a motion to amend House Bill 918 on page 12 of page 1 by adding the words "lease or" before the word "purchase". On a voice call, motion carried unanimously.

Representative Hand then made a motion that House Bill 918, as amended, Do Pass. With Representatives Bengston and Lund absent and with Representatives Hurwitz, Kvaalen, Marks, Moore, South and Wood voting No, the motion carried.

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HOUSE BILL 681

Representative Waldron made a motion to amend House Bill 681 to provide appropriations from the general fund. After discussion Representative Waldron withdrew his motion and Representative Moore made a motion that House Bill 681 Do Not Pass. With Representative Lund absent and with Representatives Gesek, Hurwitz, Manning, Manuel, Menahan and Waldron voting No, the motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 647

Representative Marks made a motion that House Bill 647 Do Not Pass. With Representative Waldron abstaining and with Representative Lund absent, Representatives Bengston, Gesek, Manning, and Menahan voted No. The motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 584

Representative Moore made a motion that House Bill 584 Do Not Pass. With Representative Lund absent and with Representatives Bengston, Ellis, Gesek, Hand, Manning, Manuel, Menahan, Waldron and Yardley voting No, the Motion failed. The vote was reversed and with 9 Representatives voting yes and 7 voting no, the motion carried that House Bill 584 Do Pass.

HOUSE BILL 117

Representative Menahan made a motion that House Bill 117 Do Pass. With Representative Lund absent, and with Representatives Hurwitz, Kvaalen, Marks, Moore, South, Wood, Yardley and Bardanouve voting No, and with Representatives Bengston, Ellis, Gesek, Hand, Manning, Manuel, Menahan and Waldron voting Yes, the motion died in a tie vote.

HOUSE BILL 896

Representative Kvaalen made a motion to reconsider action on House Bill 896. With Representatives Hurwitz and Lund absent, and with Representatives Bengston, Gesek, Hand, Manning, Manuel, Menahan, Waldron and Wood voting No, the motion failed.

HOUSE BILL 901

Representative Moore made a motion to reconsider action on House Bill 901. With Representatives Hurwitz and Lund absent and with Representatives Bengston, Gesek, Hand, Manning, Marks, Manuel, Menahan, Waldron, Wood and Yardley voting No, the motion failed.

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HOUSE BILL 9

A motion by Representative Moore to reconsider action on House Bill 9 was withdrawn.

HOUSE BILL 781

Representative Bengston made a motion that House Bill 781 Do Pass. With Representative Lund absent and with Representatives Bengston, Menahan and Moore voting Yes, the Motion failed.

HOUSE BILL 841

Representative Ellis made a motion to reconsider action on House Bill 841. With Representative Yardley abstaining; with Representative Hurwitz and Lund absent and with Representatives Hand, Kvaalen, Marks, Moore, South and Bardanouve voting No, the motion carried.

After discussion of the bill Representative Waldron made a motion that House Bill 841 Do Not Pass. On a voice call the motion failed unanimously. Representative Ellis then made a motion that House Bill 841 be amended to read "\$525,000". With Representative Moore voting No, the motion carried unanimously.

Representative Ellis then made a motion that House Bill 841, as amended, Do Pass. With Representatives Manuel and Yardley abstaining, with Representatives Hurwitz and Lund absent and with Representatives Hand, Kvaalen, Marks, Moore, South, Waldron and Bardanouve voting No, the motion failed.

There was no further business before the committee, and the committee adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Chairman

Edna T. Jensen
Secretary