

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

SUB-COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES - ANNEX

- CAPITOL ANNEX

February 3, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 a.m. by Chairman Steve Waldron with the following members present:

Chairman Steve Waldron
Senator Gary Aklestad
Representative Bill Hand
Representative Robert Marks
Senator Pat Regan
Senator Pete Story

Others present were: Ron Weiss, OBPP, Helena.

The meeting began with the discussion on Solid Waste. This includes the hazardous waste program that is getting a Federal grant. It was decided to let the Federal government handle the hazardous waste program.

Occupational Health is a program of study of health in conditions of occupations and living. An example is Butte, Mt. where the R-226 radon gas is so high there was a possibility people would have to be moved from the vicinity. Radon gas breaks down into minute particles; filter systems were found useful in protecting the health of the people of the area.

The discussion on the Occupational Health program was to be for an appropriation for a two year study. Private industry had already found where radiation centers were; however, the Department desires a two year study in this area and needs the appropriation for the study.

It was concluded that if the completed study would prevent cancer risk, it would be a worthy program.

A motion was made to give the program \$71,018 for the FY 80-81. A substitute motion was made to appropriate \$100,000 for the biennium for a Butte radiation study. The substitute motion carried.

Food and Consumer Safety were asked to justify their 14 FTE's. They are: inspection, licensing, prisons, motels, hotels, camp sites and sub-divisions.

The Committee concluded that they were dealing on something they

were not fully informed on the details of the expenditures. For example: A great deal of money was being spent on movies, newsletters and advertising that didn't have any justification. As a consequence, it was requested that the Agency be questioned as to where the monies were being spent.

The discussion of Air Quality concluded that the Montana Air Pollution Study needed \$85,000 to carry over to the FY 79 from FY 78. A motion was made to this effect. Motion carried. The Poplar River study was \$97,000 and the Flathead River studies \$57,000. These amounts were moved and passed by the sub-committee.

The motion was not to fund the proposed accelerated Air Quality implementation. Motion carried. The identification and Control for Hazardous pollution was discussion. The motion not to fund, was carried.

Water quality was discussed. This included: Lake, Tongue River, pits, ponds and lagoon inventories; how fast are these waters filling in with marshes; what is the life span; the biological analysis and drainage.

The inventories are all Federally funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The University System is going to do most of the study and provide the matching funds.

The waters were collected as three entities: Lake, Tongue River and pits which included ponds and lagoons.

The motion for the lake inventory was passed.

The motion for pits (ponds and lagoons) inventory, allowing the appropriation of \$175,000 was carried. The motion to carry on the inventory of the Tongue River, allowing the appropriation of \$20,000 was carried.

The motion was to not fund Sec. 208, Water Quality Planning. This motion carried.

The motion allowing state involvement for Sewage Treatment Grants was carried by the Committee with the recommendation that lower

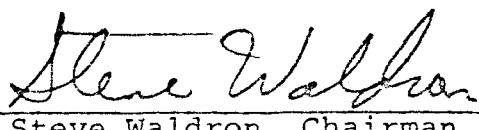
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spending be done in line with LFA recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Steve Waldron until Monday, February 5, 1979 at the hour of 8:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted.


Steve Waldron
Steve Waldron, Chairman
Approved

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