

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
AGENCIES II SUBCOMMITTEE

February 20, 1979

9:00 A.M.

Room 343

State Capitol Building

Work Session

Tape 5; Side 1, Track 3 (030)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Manuel. All members were present with the exception of Senator Boylan who arrived shortly after. Also present were Bob Robinson, LFA and Jim Williams, OBPP.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Plant Industry (030)

The subcommittee has not taken Executive Action on this division. The division has requested a modified position to do audit work with Feed and Fertilizer. This modification was not recommended by the LFA or the OBPP. The OBPP eliminated the position in the hiring freeze.

The department has testified that the position may generate slightly more revenue than the amount spent. Cost of the position will be \$17,000 each year of the biennium.

State retailers are complaining that chemical companies are shipping chemicals directly to the farms, by-passing the local retail dealers, thus not paying their share of inspection costs or the tax.

This position has been vacant since 1976 and was originally filled with a field inspector.

Senator Smith made the motion to not hire an additional FTE, therefore, avoid spending another \$34,000 from the general fund. Representative Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Personal Services (160)

Representative Hurwitz made the motion to accept the Executive budget for personal services, less \$10,000; \$523,469 for 1980 and \$534,437 for 1981. Senator Stimatz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Operating Expenses (069)

The LFA has included money to implement a data processing system in the division; \$18,600 for 1980 and \$6,100 for 1981. This expenditure was not recommended by the Executive. The LFA current level, without this modification, would be \$97,000 for 1980 and

The Executive budget, not including the automation costs, was \$106,273 for 1980 and \$112,331 for 1981. The OSPP used more Feed and Fertilizer money and allowed more money for travel than the LFA.

The Department testified that this automation would not lay off existing staff, but would keep them from coming in for additional FTE in the future.

Of the \$18,600, the LFA took \$12,000 from the general fund. The Executive suggested taking \$9,400 from the general fund, \$4,600 from Feed and \$4,600 from Fertilizer.

Representative Hurwitz made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for operating expenses; \$106,273 for 1980 and \$112,331 for 1981. Senator Boylan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Chairman Manuel in opposition.

Representative Hurwitz made the substitute motion to accept \$107,893 for 1981. Senator Boylan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Equipment (180)

Both recommendations include money in 1980 for the purchase of a sampling truck and a protein analyzer. Representative Hurwitz made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for equipment; \$33,060 for 1980 and \$2,250 for 1981. Representative Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### General Fund (207)

Representative Manning made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for general fund; \$300,183 for 1980 and net out the figure for 1981. Representative Hurwitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Earmarked Funds (212)

Senator Boylan made the motion to accept the Executive recommendation for earmarked funds; \$372,619 for 1980 and \$350,654 for 1981. Representative Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### FTE (217)

Senator Smith made the motion to accept 35.56 FTE for both years. Senator Stimatcz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Smith was excused. It was decided that the subcommittee would not meet tomorrow, February 21, 1979.

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DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK (230)

The LFA provided a summary sheet of executive action taken, including the additional FTE in South Dakota. This was to replace the summary previously handed out.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (240)

A summary sheet was provided with the final figures accepted by the subcommittee. Additional language concerns out-of-state travel, an additional staff attorney, the core environmental impact statement team, money to keep the fish hatcheries operating at current level, Montana Outdoors Magazine and the appropriations to each division; adjustments here must be reviewed by the OBPP and the Legislative Financial Committee.

PROFESSIONAL & OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING (315)

A summary was provided in addition to one previously provided to include transfers to centralized services.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (326)

A summary was provided of final action taken by the subcommittee including language concerning 2 FTE added to centralized services, the conservation districts, the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force and the Montana Energy Conservation Plan.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M. until February 23, 1979

  
REX MANUEL, Chairman

Robert Glazerman  
Secretary