

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

February 22, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Chairman Yardley. Representative Art Lund was excused. Other committee members present were:

Representative Howard Ellis
Representative Pat Gesek
Senator Bill Thomas
Senator Mark Etchart

Also present were Betty Waugh and John LaFaver, Legislative Fiscal Analysts Office, and Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Program Planning.

Montana State Prison

John LaFaver gave the committee a copy of the resolution, concerning the prison ranch, he had been asked to draw up. The resolution is as follows:

The intent of the legislature is to continue operation of the prison ranch on a probationary basis through the 1981 biennium. No capital expenditures, including the proposed irrigation system shall be made during the probationary period. The department shall develop an accounting system for the ranch by July 1, 1979 which accurately portrays the revenues, costs, profits and losses of each operating component of the ranch. Any funds generated from reducing the livestock inventory shall be held in reserve. Unless the ranch operation clearly demonstrates that it can operate profitably, the operation should be terminated and the land leased.

The department shall present a plan to provide work opportunities for prison inmates to the 1981 legislature.

The department shall immediately deposit all moneys received in connection with oil and gas exploration and drilling activities and timber sales in the general fund.

Representative Howard Ellis moved the committee accept the resolution. The motion was voted on and carried. Representative Lund and Senator Thomas were excused at time of voting.

Doug Booker went over the figures for the prison ranch budget.

Montana State Prison (cont.)

- Contracted Services - Executive reduced their figures to \$7,800 for FY'80 and \$7,800 for FY'81.
- Supplies and Materials - Doug Booker told the committee he felt the estimate for hay, \$20,000, was too low. The committee agreed to raise the amount for hay to \$40,000 for FY'80 and \$40,000 for FY'81. The new totals for this category are \$392,691 for FY'80 and \$415,052 for FY'81.
- Communication - \$212 for FY'80 and \$225 for FY'81.
- Travel - \$700 for FY'80 and \$742 for FY'81.
- Rent - \$8,003 for FY'80 and \$8,483 for FY'81.
- Utilities - \$51,513 for FY'80 and \$55,036 for FY'81.
- Repairs - \$60,027 for FY'80 and \$64,667 for FY'81.
- Other - \$1,590 for FY'80 and \$1,685 for FY'81.
- Livestock - \$62,800 for Fy'80 and \$62,800 for FY'81.

The total budget figures are \$980,626 for FY'80 and \$1,013,780 for FY'81. Representative Ellis moved the committee accept the budget as presented and the ranch was line itemed in the appropriations bill. The motion was voted on and carried. Representative Lund and Senator Thomas were excused at the time of voting.

Representative Bardanouve came in.

John LaFaver asked the committee if the resolution should be included in the appropriations bill. Representative Bardanouve told the committee the resolution would be official if it was included in the bill. He did suggest a copy of the resolution be sent to the Department of Institutions first so they could have any questions they might have answered. Chairman Yardley asked the secretary to type a letter concerning the resolution and send it to the Department of Institutions.

John LaFaver asked the committee if they wanted to include the funding for the Adult Basic Education program in the general budget. Representative Gesek moved that the committee include

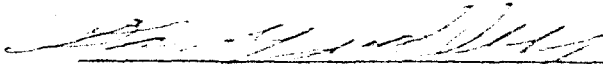
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that funding in the general budget. The motion was voted on and carried. Representative Lund and Senator Thomas were excused at the time of voting.

The federal and private revenue funding for the prison's general budget was discussed. Senator Etchart moved to have the committee accept the LFA's figures of \$60,000 for FY'80 and \$60,000 for FY'81. The motion was voted on and carried. Representative Lund was excused at the time of voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.



Dan Yardley, Chairman



Vicki Lofthouse, Secretary