

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LONG RANGE BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE

April 9, 1979
7:00 p.m.
Room 104
State Capitol Building

Subject: Executive Session

Tape 3: Side 1, Track 1 (000)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Yardley with all members present. Also present was Judy Rippingale, Fiscal Analyst.

HOUSE BILL 417: DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION. Mr. Phil Hauck began his presentation with the legislative restrooms project. He explained that the present restrooms on the third floor were installed temporarily for this session and everyone seems to be happy with them. The proposal requests \$51,300 to make the restroom accessible to the handicapped in both the men's and the women's and reproduce a public women's restroom in that area. Mr. Hauck did not think this was a major priority and it could probably be postponed until another session. If they do the remodeling the facilities will have to be brought up to code, if they do not, they will not have to worry about the codes.

Priority #21 is to provide cathodic protection for the state owned gas lines to extend their life expectancy and to reduce maintenance expenditures. Montana Power has been providing this protection and has informed the department they are no longer going to provide this service. Most of these lines are within the confines of the state campuses and there are three or four areas causing concern. The \$45,000 will provide protection to the lines they know about, there is a possibility they will find others as Montana Power cuts off this service.

Priority #22 is \$1,300,000 to retrofit state buildings for energy conservation. This will initiate a long term program of renovating and altering state buildings to reduce the use of energy. Mr. Hauck said we could spend any amount and realize savings in a few years. He said the sooner this is done, the better off the state will be. Their original request was for \$3,500,000 but they would be happy to get anything.

They have evaluated 20 buildings and want to carry on an education program. They are trying for as high as a 40% to 45% savings in the next few years. The state is currently paying \$6,500,000 a year in utility bills.

Priority #23 is \$43,500 to modify the existing corridor on the

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second floor of the Capitol Building to provide additional security and privacy to the Governor's Office. They propose to use Capitol Land Grant money which is earmarked revenue dedicated to the Capitol Complex. The space problem in the Capitol is going to get worse after this session as a result of legislation passed.

Priority #29 is \$100,000 to provide handicapped modifications to comply with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This would meet requests from all state agencies, except the University System. Mr. Hauck said this is strictly an expedient figure, they could have requested any amount.

Priority #37 requests \$170,000 to acquire property as it becomes available to develop the Capitol Complex and provide parking. Mr. Hauck was not sure how much property will become available. This amount will just be available should property be put up for sale. This is Capitol Land Grant (CLG) money, and is their best estimate of what they think will become available for the biennium. The limits of the Capitol Complex are Montana and 8th.

Priority #40 requests \$25,000 to demolish or move small buildings at the Capitol Complex in order to provide expansion for parking as suggested in the 1972 planning study. This will be CLG funds.

Priority #59 requests \$18,000 to repair an elevator at the Surplus Property Warehouse that has been condemned by safety inspectors. The elevator is needed for efficient use of the warehouse space.

The department would also like the committee to consider another request, not included in the bill. The roof of the Record's Management Division is deteriorating rapidly and needs repair. The estimated cost is \$25,000. This would have been in the request but they did not realize they had a problem until all the snow fell. They have obtained a legal opinion which held that the building is owned by the state. This opinion was necessary because there was some controversy last fall concerning the ownership of the building when the new Liquor Warehouse was built. They anticipate problems if they attempted to get money from the Liquor Division to do repairs on a building they are not occupying.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. Sen. Fasbender made the motion to delete the \$51,300 for the legislative restrooms. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Rep. South made the motion to take \$25,000 out of Handicapped Accessibility to repair the roof on the Surplus Property Building so it will not be a net cost to the state. This would leave \$75,000 for the Handicapped Accessibility project.

Sen. Fasbender moved to amend this motion to reduce the 04120 account by \$25,000 for land acquisition. And to transfer the

\$25,000 to the Handicapped Accessibility Account.

Rep. South added to his motion to take \$25,000, Long Range Building Proceeds and use it for the Records Management roof repair. This motion carried on a voice vote, all in favor.

Department of Fish and Game. Rep. South asked for some sort of a compromise on the fishing access site money. It was explained that they were meeting at the Fish and Game to come up with a compromise and will report to the committee shortly. Rep. South said he would like to see most of the money earmarked for this use appropriated.

Rep. Bardanouve commented that he had thought about the bill to raise the 15% figure allowed for maintenance of these parks. He thought they had use for the money in maintenance at the present time and are not being able to do the work. Sen. Fasbender explained that the problem is that the 15% has to be used on land that was acquired under this act. They don't have enough land right now to use it, consequently, even if the law was changed, they could not use the money.

Rep. Bardanouve asked if they had land right how they could buy. It was the general feeling that there was land they could buy. Rep. Bardanouve said, and Sen. Himsel agreed, that he did not agree with the Budget Office in this area. He felt the state should use the money now to acquire land because the price of land is going to continue to rise.

Rep. South made the motion to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of fishing access sites, rather than the \$300,000 recommended by the Budget Office. There is actually going to be at least \$1,200,000 in the account so this will not exhaust the fund. He said that the fact that they do not have enough land to spend the maintenance money is a valid reason to spend this money. This money cannot be spent anywhere else and the interest earned while it just sits in the account reverts to the general fund.

Sen. Fasbender commented that if we are not going to spend the money we might as well repeal the law and reduce the price of the fishing license. The license fee was increased for this purpose.

Rep. Kvaalen was concerned about appropriating this amount of money for land acquisition.

The question was called. A voice vote showed Sen. Thiessen, Sen. Himsel, Rep. Lund and Rep. Kvaalen voting no. The motion failed.

Sen. Fasbender made the motion to appropriate \$600,000 each year for the acquisition of fishing access sites. He then withdrew his motion with the intention of waiting to see what the department

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work up with, regarding a compromise.

Sen. Busbender made the motion to delete the recommended appropriation to Makoshika State Park. The department has agreed to this as there was a special supplement granted earlier in the session for emergency road repair at this park.

The question was called. A voice vote showed all in favor with the exception of Sen. Thiessen. The motion carried.

Rep. South made the motion to add \$195,000 to HB 417 for the Big Sandy recreation area. The motion carried unanimously.

Rep. Kvaalen made the motion to delete \$125,000 for Small Game Habitat acquisition from HB 417. The question was called. The motion carried five to three. This deletes lines 20, 21, and 23 on page 8 of the bill.

Rep. South made the motion to use \$75,000 from the Big Game Habitat and the \$125,000 from the Small Game Habitat acquisition to build the proposed headquarters in Missoula. HB 904 calls for \$600,000 earmarked revenue and \$186,000 federal and private revenue for this building. Rep. South suggested adding HB 904 to HB 417 and then incorporated this into his motion. Sen. Etchart seconded the motion. The question was called the motion carried, all in favor.

Rep. South made the motion to amend HB 417, page 5, following line 3, appropriate \$600,000 from account 02131 and \$186,332 from the federal and private revenue account, 04522. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

HOUSE BILL 893. This bill concerns Lambeth State Park, requesting \$50,000, Long Range Building funds, and \$50,000 federal and private revenue. The committee decided to delay action on this bill.

HB 417: DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS. Concerning the weigh station on the Idaho border, Sen. Himsl made the motion to include language stating that 90% of the funding will be federal and 10% earmarked funds from the gasoline tax. Also included in the bill will be language that the solar heating unit in the shop complex is contingent on federal funds being granted.

The question was called, the motion carried all in favor. Therefore, if the department does not get the \$600,000 for the solar heating system, they will only spend \$1,500,000 on the complex.

DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS. Sen. Himsl made the motion to delete the \$334,000 on page 7 for the Intensive Treatment Unit. The department has testified they are no longer considering this project for this biennium. The question was called, the motion carried unanimously.

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There was no further action on this department, pending their presentation on priorities to accommodate the prison facilities.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS. The committee had no opposition to the proposed projects for this department.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. There was no opposition to the recommendations for this department.

HOUSE BILL 888. Rep. South made the motion Do Pass on HB 888. He then withdrew the motion and moved to add HB 888 to HB 417 to simplify the process. This motion carried unanimously.

HOUSE BILL 889. Rep. South stated that the Education Subcommittee recommended against this project due to insufficient funds. He moved Do Not Pass on HB 889. The motion carried, all in favor.

HOUSE BILL 920. Sen. Fasbender moved Do Not Pass on HB 920. The question was called and the motion carried with Sen. Etchart and Rep. Lund voting no.

HOUSE BILL 902. Sen. Fasbender moved Do Not Pass on HB 902. The motion carried with Rep. Lund voting no.


HOUSE BILL 904. Sen. Fasbender made the motion to Table HB 904. The motion carried, all in favor. HB 904 has been incorporated into HB 417.

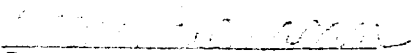
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SENATE BILL 326. Sen. Fasbender made the motion to Table SB 326. Sen. Thiessen suggested keeping SB 326 alive in committee as an alternative to the Supreme Court Building. Sen. Fasbender withdrew his motion.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.


REP. DAN YARDLEY, Chairman


Secretary