

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 8, 1979

The first meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met in room 108 of the State Capitol Building on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Senator Himsl at 11:12 A.M. Roll call is attached. Chairman Himsl introduced the secretary as well as Judy Rippingale, Fiscal Analyst to the committee.

Senator Himsl explained the work of the committee in conjunction with the House is to be responsible for the finances to the state of Montana. He explained the work of the sub-committee explaining that the members will be under pressure. He would ask that their judgement be prudent, and that it be reserved until we try to put them together. He said the committee action will be through the subcommittees in the House at the present time, that there is good strength in the Senate members, that they have a wealth of experience in these matters, and would ask that they examine and evaluate the programs very closely. He felt consideration might be given toward the elimination of a program rather than a broadside cut, that the general expenses of operation continue, and that meaningful cuts should be made in FTE.

Senator Himsl emphasized the expertise in the budget office and the analysts office and said he felt the committee would have to work closely with both Mr. Bousliman and Mr. LeFaver. He said there would be a joint meeting with the House at which Mr. Bousliman would go over the budget.

Senator Himsl gave the assignments for the subcommittees as follows:

- Education -- Senators Harold Nelson, V.C., and Larry Fasbender.
- Institutions -- Senator Mark Etchart, V.C., and Bill Thomas.
- Long Range Building -- Senator Mark Etchart, V.C., Matt Himsl, Larry Fasbender and Cornie Thiessen.
- Legislative, Judicial, Administrative -- Senator Lloyd Lockrem, V.C., and Cornie Thiessen.
- Agency I, Human Services -- Senator Pete Story V.C., Gary Aklestad and Pat Regan.
- Agency II, Natural Resources and Business Regulation -- Senator Ed Smith, V.C., Paul Boylan and Larry Stimatz.

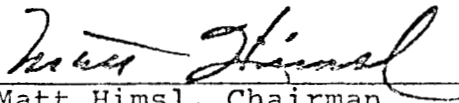
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Senator Ed Smith, having served 2 years ago on SRS budget in subcommittee volunteered his services and observation. Senator Himsl suggested other members might help where they had some prior expertise.

Senator Himsl commented that the committee should be able to rely on the data and findings of the fiscal analyst and the budget people since they work with these figures year around and the subcommittee does not have the time or staff to find their own data. The source of revenue has been pretty well established and will not be far off on the figures in the budget book. He said the job the committee members face is to set priorities and allocate the money.

Senator Smith mentioned the over spending by some of the departments and felt this should not be legal and should be stopped.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
Matt Himsl, Chairman

ROLL CALL

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

46TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1979

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR HIMSL	✓		
SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR AKLESTAD	✓		
SENATOR LOCKREM		✓	
SENATOR ETCHART	✓		
SENATOR NELSON	✓		
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR BOYLAN		✓	
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR FASBENDER	✓		
SENATOR THIESSEN		✓	
SENATOR THOMAS		✓	
SENATOR STIMATZ		✓	

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	Moore, Jack	(R)
	Kvaalen, Oscar	(R)

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    Foundation  
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    5 Vo-Tech Centers  
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Arts Council  
School for Deaf and Blind  
Community Colleges  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
Bureau of Mines  
Agricultural Experiment Station  
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University of Montana  
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Eastern Montana College  
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Northern Montana College  
Montana College of Mineral Science & Technology

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Prison  
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Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Environmental Quality Council  
Governor's Office  
State Auditor  
Secretary of State  
Treasurer  
Judiciary  
County Attorneys  
Administration  
PERS  
Board of Examiners  
Tax Appeals Board  
Justice  
Revenue  
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Crime Board  
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