

MINUTES OF MEETING  
LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 10, 1979

The joint meeting of the House and Senate Legislative Administration committees was called to order by Senator Kolstad on the above date in Room 331 of the State Capitol building at 8:30 a.m. The secretaries for both committees took the roll, and all members of both committees were present except Senator Rasmussen. Also attending the meeting were Martha McGee, Chief Clerk of the House; Art Noonan, House Amendments Coordinator; Doris Cason, Assistant Bills Clerk of the Senate; Dorothy Hill, Chief Bills Clerk of the Senate, Diana Dowling, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, and Camella Elphison and Sharole Connelly of the Legislative Council.

Senator Kolstad said that the interim study on legislative improvement had to be discussed, together with the inventory of both houses. He said that the Rules Committee had decided to set up another legislative improvement committee and interim meetings would be held. He asked how many would be held during the interim and said there is about \$75,000 to work with. Diana Dowling agreed that the amount was about that and said that there should be three or four meetings during the interim. Sharole Connelly of the Council said that they have been reimbursed by the Western Task Force and the amount in the fund is now \$69,700. She added that she did not know if all the claims had been submitted, but Senator Graham said he thought most of the claims were in, but asked who had gone to Denver. Senator Kolstad said that the Senate had sent nobody but that the House had sent one. It was suggested that it might have been Representative Kanduch, but this was decided against as he had gone to the Washington, D.C., meeting.

Senator Kolstad inquired if the pre-session travel would be covered by the \$75,000, and Representative Metcalf said that the \$75,000 covered pre-session travel for the next session. Senator Kolstad said that they shouldn't deplete the fund.

Representative Quilici asked what the cost would be for the new interim legislative improvement study committee and how many members would be on the committee. Senator Kolstad said that there are eight members made up of two from each party in each house. Diana Dowling said that the cost would depend on how far the members had to travel.

Senator Kolstad then asked who is going to do the post-session inventory. Martha McGee said that Dick Meyers and she did the pre-session work and would do the post-session inventory also. Representative Lory said that he thought each house should do their own inventory, and Senator Kolstad asked if they would work with Monida on the inventory. This was agreed to. However,

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Diana Dowling said she did not want the responsibility for the furniture, but the Council will work with the others on the post-inventory. Earl Moritz, Sgt.-at-Arms of the Senate, said that some of the Senate inventory has already been done.

Senator Kolstad then brought up the subject of the bill books and asked Doris or Dorothy to tell the committee about them. Dorothy Hill presented the Senate bill books and said that they had been done by the State Publishing Co. and there were eight books in all. She said that they are in terrible shape and something should be done about it. Senator Kolstad said that State Publishing told him the books were not ordered early enough and this was the best they could do in the time allowed. Rep. Metcalf asked if State Publishing would rebind the books, but Senator Kolstad said that they would charge \$50 a book and asked the committee what they wanted to do about this matter.

Martha McGee said that they had to put in the statement of intent themselves because they did not know what procedure would be used before the printing of the books. She also said that there were errors in the books, but there wasn't time to send them back to be redone, and therefore they should order early. Doris Cason said the books should be ordered now, as next session they will cost three to four times what they cost this year. It was determined that the books cost \$1,500 for the Senate -- and Martha McGee said the House books cost the same. Senator Kolstad said that he understood that there was a very good firm in Salt Lake that could do the books for the same cost of \$1,500.

At this time, Diana Dowling told the committee that this job should be put out on bid, but that it never has been, and the State Publishing always got the job. She said that she thought state law required it to be put out for bids. Both Diana and Martha McGee said they thought the gals using the books should have input into the ordering of the books and that they should not be too heavy for the girls to carry. Diana said that this should be all decided now.

Senator Kolstad mentioned that the rules were set now about the consent calendar, the statement of intent and the major rule changes, so the order should go in soon. Martha McGee said she would work with the staff to see this is done. Rep. Quilici suggested that the committee also work with the bill clerks on this and Rep. Metcalf suggested that the Legislative Improvement Interim Committee handle this matter.

Camella Elphison from the Legislative Council said that the books could be rebound in Salt Lake by Color World at a cost of \$50 a book for the rebinding of 4 Senate books and 3 or 4 House

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books. She said that Stan Burgard from Color World Printing could be bonded and take the books to Salt Lake, stay with them while there, and return them to the council. The books would be gold embossed by Color World. Martha McGee said they were supposed to be from State Publishing. Camella said the cost would be about \$800 for all the books, and there were 15 books purchased.

Senator Kolstad asked if someone wished to make a motion regarding the books. Senator Hazelbaker moved to have Color World rebind the bill books for both houses. The motion was seconded by Senator Graham and carried unanimously.

During further discussion on the books, Rep. Quilici said that the "specs" should be stiff, and Diana Dowling recommended that a time limit be put on the bids. Art Noonan asked if anyone had tried to get State Publishing to rectify the situation as they might make restitution on the books. He felt it was their responsibility to correct the poor bindings, etc. Rep. Magone said the price did not reflect the poor quality of the books. Rep. Quilici said the specs should have the input of the bill clerks in them, and Diana Dowling said they should be the ones who direct the way the books should be printed as she didn't know what was really needed.

Rep. Lory then suggested that the books be put out for bids early in the fall during the interim, and so moved. The motion was seconded by Senator Hazelbaker and carried unanimously.

The committee then resumed their discussion on the cost of the interim meetings. Diana Dowling told the committee that Bob Person said that it averaged out to about \$1,533 per meeting for eight members. Senator Kolstad said that there would be about \$7,500 for the Legislative Improvement committee study during the interim.

Diana Dowling asked who would sign the "chits" for the travel. Rep. John Vincent said he had come to this meeting because the Speaker and majority leader were planning to leave immediately after the session and he would be staying 2 to 4 days, but that figure is flexible. Rep. Quilici suggested that they check with the leadership regarding this matter, but Senator Kolstad said they should just include all of the leadership in both houses. Rep. Quilici moved that the leadership of both houses must okay the travel. Metcalf seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

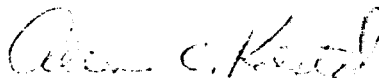
After further discussion on who would sign the "chits". Rep. Metcalf suggested that the Speaker or President be designated to sign or delegate the power to sign to the other leaders.

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Dorothy Hill asked if the printouts have to go with the original bills to the office of the Secretary of State. Rep. Metcalf said they had to keep all printouts as that is the only way of checking back. Martha McGee said, if the printouts were not sent with the original bills to the Secretary of State's office, there would have to be a change made in the Rules.

Martha McGee then brought up the subject of the copy machines, saying that there have been problems with them and that they cost \$10,000 too much this session because of the way they were handled. She suggested that she and Dennis Casey get together and make up recommendations for renting the machines for the next session. Diana Dowling said that she would need their recommendations at least 6 months in advance and that they should be put out for bids during the interim. Rep. Lory moved that Dennis Casey and Martha McGee make up the necessary recommendations for the copy machines. The motion was seconded by Senator Hazelbaker and carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the committee at this time, the meeting was adjourned.



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ALLEN C. KOLSTAD, Chairman

ROLL CALL

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

46th Legislative Session - 1979

Date 4-10-79

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
KOLSTAD	✓		
HAZELBAKER	✓		
RASMUSSEN		✓	
GRAHAM	✓		
BROWN, STEVE	✓		
HOUSE MEMBERS			
METCALF	✓		
MAGONE	✓		
QUILICI	✓		
LORY	✓		
MEYER	✓		

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Senator Kolstad:

I hope you can have a joint Legislative Administration Committee meeting before adjournment to discuss

1) Use of \$75,000 travel money. A motion to cover what members will be reimbursed for Post-session work & specific allocation for Pre-session 1981 travel, etc..

2) Discussion of cozy machines, bills for bid prior to next session. What kind, how many, etc. So that I'm making the decisions. What inventory Pre-session.

Thanks

Diane

4) other

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 16

1979

President

MR. ....

Legislative Administration

We, your committee on .....

having had under consideration ..... Bill No. ....

respectfully reports as follows:

That the following attache of the Senate be terminated as of 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 1979:

Kenneth C. Morrow Asst. Sgt. at Arms

And further, that the following attaches of the Senate be terminated as of 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 13, 1979:

Jill D. Rohyans	Standing Committee Secretary
Sharon R. Smith	Standing Committee Secretary
Carol Anne Frasier	Standing Committee Secretary
Irene V. LaBare	Standing Committee Secretary
Kerry L. Sullivan	Steno
Sharon R. Mason	Standing Committee Secretary
Darla Goe	Page
Randi Johnson	Page

Respectfully report as follows: That ..... Bill No. ....

Laurie Scott	Page
Larry Lindell	Page
Aden Seidlitz	Page
Jan Jensen	Page
Michael John Tucker	Page

And further, that the following attaches of the Senate be employed as of 12:00 Noon, Monday, April 16, 1979:

Kevin Charles Culum	Page
Debbie Jacobsen	Page
Cindy Argo	Page
William D. (Bill) Naegeli	Page

And further, that the following attache of the Senate be employed as of 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 1979:

Eric David Clark Page

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MR. President

We, your committee on Legislative Administration

having had under consideration Bill No.

respectfully reports as follows:

That the following attaches of the Senate be terminated as of 5:00 P.M., Friday, April 13, 1979:

Mary Valencia Lane  
Elaine Richardson  
John Bulger

Researcher  
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Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

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