

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 10, 1979

The thirty-seventh meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met on the above date in room 108 of the State Capitol Building. The meeting was called to order following roll call by Senator Hims1, at 4:10 p.m. All members present.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 908: House Bill 908 had a tie vote and Senator Lockrem said he would vote yes to get the bill out of the committee. Senator Stimatzi to carry the bill.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 243: Motion by Senator Fasbender do not concur in. We requested the Department of Administration to check into this. He read a letter sent to Mr. Phil Hauck from the Washington D. C. office stating there were no funds available at this time to assist with a veterans home at Twin Bridges.

Senator Hims1: I understand there is no chance of available money until 1983.

Senator Fasbender: Nothing could be done until this time. We would be standing in line until that time.

Senator Thiesen: I am not against the vets. The other program with the senior citizens is more palatable to the state. I would support Senator Fasbender's motion.

Senator Boylan: They have only about 2 or 3 thousand generated so far. If we don't give it to the vets, it will go to private people.

Senator Aklestad: There is no money until 1983 from the feds?

Senator Story: I would suggest we take no action on this bill. If they don't have the money and no federal funds are available, If they don't have the money or the match, I understand they can't go ahead with the program.

Senator Lockrem: There is a certain risk that a hard and effective lobby can force it out of committee. They have no longer any chance of building for the 60 beds; no federal match; but they have a good track record up in the Senate. There is a lot of misinformation out. I think we should let the bill rest in peace in the committee. Voted and tied. Stays in Committee.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 894: Cooney Dam. Senator Thiessen: Could you possibly take this out of renewable resource funds? I would think this would fall under that category.

Renewable resource = coal tax money; indemnity trust fund = minerals.

Motion by Senator Story we do concur in.

Senator Fasbender: We have been working on these accounts. By tonight I think we will have the accounts figured out.

Senator Himsl: We will hold this bill for the results of the balances in the trust fund & renewable resource funds.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 9: Motion by Senator Thiessen that we do concur in.

Senator Thiessen: This is the program where the students at the law school do work for the J. P's, etc. It was financed by LEAA and the government program has stopped and it has been thrown over into the general fund. There was another bill in here that had some funding on this.

Senator Lockrem: That bill proposes to fund it out of registration fees.

Senator Fasbender: Was it anticipated that the funding for HB 9 would come out of 568? Both of these are in another bill.

Senator Lockrem: We should make justification to see if we should fund it.

Senator Regan: If we pass this it will be an on-going commitment then?

Some of the other members had some problems with this bill and it was decided to hold it until a later meeting.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 844: This was the one on alcohol distribution.

Senator Fasbender: Would it be possible to assign this to a subcommittee for them to go through and work out the amounts? Some of this is pretty complicated.

Senator Etchart: It is a change in philosophy in using these programs that have been handled before.

The subcommittee was appointed with Senators Fasbender, Etchart, Thomas and Aklestad to serve on it.

Senator Thiessen: I just had a sheet handed to me on the renewable resources. They have enough money to fund the Cooney Dam also here. Cooney Dam is a water shed, has matching federal funds, administered by the DNC.

Senator Himsl: Maybe we can all get copies of this by tomorrow morning.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 550: This is Representative Scully's bill. Senator Himsl explained that it had to do with the allocation of the coal tax. It apparently deals with the area of 1/3 cultural and 2/3 parks money and he proposes that at the present time it is all in one lump sum. On page 4, line 7, the cultural and aesthetic project grants, etc., then on page 5 of the new section it has to go through the Fish and Game.

Senator Boylan: I have problems if they use any of this money to acquire any more state land. They have trouble now taking care of what they have.

Senator Thiessen: Put it to the Legislature for a vote and they will give the final allocation.

Senator Thomas moved House Bill 550 be concurred in.

Senator Etchart: There is possibly a little conflict in this.

Senator Himsl: It seems to me that it ties it up. The parks have sort of taken up the cultural part of it and they haven't got any money.

Senator Fasbender: 5%--before it was 2½%.

Senator Himsl: I understood there is no change in the amount.

Senator Thiessen: What about page 4--the aquisition of sites, etc.?

Senator Story: I have mixed feelings on this.

Voted and passed, unanimous, Senators Smith and Lockrem absent.

Senator Fasbender: If the committee wants to go through and approve and disapprove these dam buildings--if they would give us the feeling of what and how these are to be funded. We can work this out and come back. For instance--If they want the dams funded, would they let LRB figure out the funding on them?

TONGUE DAM: Renewable resources funds--LRB usually makes the decision as to where they are spent. The conflict comes from the fact that there are here a number of other bills. Some have been transferred to LRB, some have not. If we pass them as they are and take them all out of renewable resources, there will not be enough money. Some could come from other sources.

Senator Himsl: I know there is some interest in this. As long as we have all these dams coming up, I would suggest we meet tomorrow morning and get everyone in here who has a special interest. We can come back tomorrow and go on with them from there.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date _____

4/13 Bill No. 243 Time 4:52

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT

SENATOR STORY

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SENATOR AKLESTAD

✓

SENATOR LOCKREM

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SENATOR ETCHEART

✓

SENATOR NELSON

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SENATOR SMITH

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SENATOR BOYLAN

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SENATOR REGAN

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SENATOR FASBENDER

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SENATOR THIESSEN

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SENATOR THOMAS

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SENATOR STIMATZ

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SENATOR HIMSL

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Secretary

Chairman

Motion: (- m)

Senator

to stay in Committee

Lockrem

Yes

No

243	Twin Bridge -	✓
	844 - alcohol	✓
X	537 - See Voord	✓
	410 - Ag Station	✓
X	890 - Meliv acne	✓
X	919 - Cancer Tumor	✓

All the rest
not settled on

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

.....April 10.....1979.....

MR. President

We, your committee on.....Finance and Claims.....

having had under considerationHouse..... Bill No....550....
Scully (Thomas)

Respectfully report as follows: That.....House..... Bill No....550.....

BE CONCURRED IN

ROB PASSY

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 10,

1979

MR. President

We, your committee on Finance and Claims

having had under consideration House Bill No. 908

Quilici (Stimatz)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 908...

BE CONCURRED IN

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G.O.

ROLL CALL

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

46TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1979

Date 4-10-79

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	✓		

Amend H.B. 921

1. Page 1, line 23
Strike: 6,545,000
Insert: 7,297,672
2. Page 1, line 25
After: line 25
Insert (numbers in general fund column):
"Board of Examiners 12,000
The appropriation is to pay the agreed settlement with Seymour
Storch dated October 26, 1978."
3. Page 1, line 25
After: line 25
Insert (numbers in general fund column):
"Department of Community Affairs 122,014
The appropriation is to reimburse the department of highways
\$61,230 and the department of fish and game \$61,774 to implement
the airplane pool."