

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 13, 1979

The fortieth 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 at 8 a.m. by Senator Himsl, Chairman.

ROLL CALL: All members present except Senator Thiessen.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 386: Motion by Senator Story that House Bill 386 be concurred in.

Senator Thomas: This is really leaving it wide open to have actual cost.

Senator Himsl: The Department of Administration would designate the places.

Senator Regan: We said the travel. If they stay at the Waldorf they will have funded those that stayed there.

Senator Smith: After the way we scrutinized their budget, if in 2 years time if they have abused this privilege they will be in a lot of trouble, and they realize it.

Voted and passed. Senator Aklestad voted no, Senator Thiessen absent, and Senator Story to carry the bill on the Senate floor.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 508: This would increase the salary of the district judges.

Motion by Senator Lockrem that this bill be concurred in. Voted and passed. Roll call vote, attached, Senator Lockrem to carry the bill.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 507: This would increase the salaries of the elected officials

Senator Story explained that these bills used to come from the Department of Administration and the judges salary was down to about what a beginning lawyer would make. They had increased it last year, and this year it is only a 5 or 6% increase, but the big amount was from last session.

Senator Lockrem: I would suggest taking a good look at the salaries of the Legislature. For the hours, the responsibility on the job the salary is comparable to a laborer on my crew. We had the bill in the select committee. We go up a step, but the hours are really bad here.

Motion by Senator Regan that House Bill 507 be concurred in. Voted and passed. roll call vote, attached. Senator Thomas to carry the bill.

Senator Smith: I have been approached on House Bill 243. I was asked what the committee wanted to do. They would like to have some idea of what the committee would like to have done. I said I would ask what the committee's ideas were.

Senator Regan: There is no federal funding available for them.

Senator Fasbender: The letter I had was written after the one they had. It said there would be no money available until after 1981 and probably not until after 1983.

Senator Smith: Did the Long Range Building Committee kill the other one?

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 841: Tongue River Dam. Senator Thomas: The state of Montana would be definitely liable. It is essential that we do something and the Corps of Engineers have not ruled it safe.

Motion by Senator Thomas to amend line 11, page 1 changing it from the renewable resource fund to the Indemnity trust acct.

Voted and passed. unanimous, Senator Thiessen absent.

Motion by Senator Aklestad that 841 be not concurred in. He explained his position.

Senator Fasbender: I am sure there is a confusion after looking at both dams. I don't think the feds ran a test to see if the dam was safe. The money the federal government is putting into it is to put it back into its original shape before the flood. If a big flood comes along the state could be in trouble. The study being made I think is needed. If the dam ever goes out the state of Montana could be in for some really high damages.

Senator Lockrem: If I understand the result, it is a study for the economic feasibility to be put on the people to pay for it.

Senator Thomas: Other people say there is enough water projects on the reservation and industry is extremely interested. The agricultural people are interested. The water that is presently allocated is totally purchased and there are other people who want to purchase water for agriculture. They seem to think there is enough economic possibilities to pay for it.

Senator Lockrem: Then the fees the state pays for a study is for private industry. Let them pay for it.

Senator Fasbender: If you assume the assume the downstream site it reduces the cost considerably. From the information we were given--if the EIS here --if built in the new location it appeared from the preliminary study that \$100 million could be recovered from the dam. If the dam is breeched you lose not only the dam, but the 18,000 acres under the dam. I don't think we can continue to ignore the problem.

Senator Story: Part of the plan downstream was to mine the coal under the present dam and part of the study was to see how much it would be to buy out the coal mines in the existing area and to find out if the feds would let them mine. They would have to buy the mines down stream and go in on a soggy bottom to mine the coal under the present dam.

Senator Thomas: If they raise the present dam they will not have to buy out the mines.

Motion by Senator Lockrem to strike section 2 in its entirety. Voted and passed.

Motion by Senator Thomas that House Bill 841 be concurred in as amended.

Voted and passed. Roll call vote. Senator Stimatz absent, Senator Thiessen left a yes vote. Senator Thomas to carry the bill.

The meeting was adjourned subject to call of the chair.

Senator Himsl, Chairman

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date _____ 14 Bill No. 507 Time 8:46

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
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SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR AKLESTAD		✓	
SENATOR LOCKREM	✓	✓	
SENATOR ETCHART		✓	
SENATOR NELSON		✓	
SENATOR SMITH		✓	
SENATOR BOYLAN		✓	
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR FASBENDER	✓		
SENATOR THIESSEN		✓	
SENATOR THOMAS	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		
SENATOR HIMSL	✓		

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Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion: Be Concurred In

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 4-13

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Bill No. 508 Time 8:26

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
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SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR AKLESTAD		✓	
SENATOR LOCKREM	✓		
SENATOR ETCHART		✓	
SENATOR NELSON	✓		
SENATOR SMITH		✓	
SENATOR BOYLAN		✓	
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR FASBENDER	✓		
SENATOR THIESSEN			
SENATOR THOMAS	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		
SENATOR HIMSL	✓		

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Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion:

ROLL CALL

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

46TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1979

Date 4-13-79

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	✓		

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 4-13-71 H Bill No. 841 Time 8:

NAME YES NO ABSENT

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR AKLESTAD		✓	
SENATOR LOCKREM		✓	
SENATOR ETCHART	✓		
SENATOR NELSON	✓		
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR BOYLAN		✓	
SENATOR REGAN		✓	
SENATOR FASBENDER	✓		
SENATOR THIESSEN	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		
SENATOR HIMSL		✓	✓

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Secretary

Chairman

Motion:

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

.....April 13, 1979..... 1979.....

MR. President.....

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

having had under consideration House Bill No. 841

Dassinger (Thomas)

Respectfully report as follows: That..... House Bill No. 841

third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 11.

Following: "fund"

Strike: "RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT"

Insert: "RESOURCE INDEMNITY TRUST FUND"

2. Page 1, lines 20 through 23.

Strike: Section 2 in its entirety

And, as so amended, BE CONCURRED IN

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DO PASS

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 13,

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MR. President

We, your committee on Finance and Claims

having had under consideration House Bill No. 386

Quilici (Story)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 386

BE CONCURRED IN

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G.A.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

..... April 13, 1979

MR. **President**

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

having had under consideration **House** Bill No. **508**

Porter (Lockrem)

Respectfully report as follows: That **House** Bill No. **508**

BE CONCURRED IN
DO PASS

B.O.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 13, 1979

MR. President

We, your committee on Finance and Claims

having had under consideration House Bill No. 507
Porter (Thomas)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 507

BE CONCURRED IN

~~DO PASS~~

P.A.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 13, 1979

The forty-first meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met on the above date at 12:20 P.M. in room 108 of the State Capitol Building. Following Roll call the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Himsl.

ROLL CALL: All members present except Senator Boylan who had another committee meeting and was excused, later Thiessen & Story.

Senator Story said he had the information for the committee on the amount of money the committee was interested in in the big budget bill.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 891: Motion by Senator Lockrem to strike line 21 through 25 on page 17 and line 1 through line 8 on page 18 and to change the figures on page 21, line 7. Figures inserted are those on the amendment proposed by Larry Schram. Attached.

Voted and passed. Unanimous, Senator Thiessen absent.

Motion by Senator Fasbender to move the amendment on flexibility. page 9, line 8, attached.

Voted, passed. unanimous, Senator Thiessen and Story absent.

Motion by Senator Regan to move the bill as amended. Voted and passed. Senator Aklestad voting no, Senator Thiessen absent, Senator Fasbender to carry the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Senator Himsl, Chairman

ROLL CALL

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

46TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1979

Date 4-13

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	✓		

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 891

1. Page 17, strike line 21 through line 25;
Page 18, strike line 1 through line 8

Insert:

"B1	5.363
B2	5.691
B3	6.019
B4	6.347
B5	6.675
B6	7.003
B7	7.331
B8	7.659
B9	7.987
B10	8.315
B11	8.643
B12	8.971
BØØ**	9.299

Up to \$.031 of the hourly increase granted above for Fiscal Year 1981 shall not be granted to an employee to the extent that the employee would receive a rate, commonly called a red-circled rate, exceeding the above listed rates due to the fact that such employee, at the time the blue collar plan was originally implemented, was paid at a rate greater than the standard blue collar rate for his classification."

2. Page 21, line 7:

Strike "12,888,269"

Insert: "12,918,269"

*line 21
Following line 20*

Amendment to HB 891, third reader

Follows line 7

Page 9, Line 8:

INSERT: (7) the Department may develop a program which will enable the Department to mitigate problems associated with difficult recruitment, retention, transfer or other exceptional circumstances.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 13 19 79

MR. President

We, your committee on Finance and Claims

having had under consideration House Bill No. 891

South (Fasbender)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 891, third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 9, line 8.

Following: line 7

Insert: "(7) the Department may develop a program which will enable the Department to mitigate problems associated with difficult recruitment, retention, transfer or other exceptional circumstances. In so far as the program may apply to employees within a collective bargaining unit, it shall be a negotiable subject under MCA 39-31-305."

2. Page 17, line 21 through page 18, line 8.

Following: line 20

Strike: line 21 through line 8, page 18

Insert:

"B1	5.363
B2	5.691
B3	6.019
B4	6.347

DO PASS

(continued)

House Bill 291

Senate Finance and Claims

Page 2

B5	6.675
B6	7.003
B7	7.331
B8	7.659
B9	7.987
B10	8.315
B11	8.643
B12	8.971
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3. Page 21, line 7.

Following: "and"

Strike: "12,888,269"

Insert: "12,918,269"

And, as so amended, BE CONCURRED IN

.....Senator Hinsel.....

Chairman.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 13, 1979 1979

MR. President

We, your committee on Finance and Claims

having had under consideration House Bill No. 841

Dassinger (Thomas)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 841

third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 11.
Following: "fund"
Strike: "RENEWABLE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT"
Insert: "RESOURCE INDEMNITY TRUST FUND"

2. Page 4 lines 20 through 23.
Strike: Section 2 in its entirety

And, as so amended, BE CONCURRED IN

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DO PASS

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Senator Himsel

Chairman

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 4-13-71 Bill No. 14 Time 8:

NAME YES NO ABSENT

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR AKLESTAD		✓	
SENATOR LOCKREM		✓	
SENATOR ETCHART	✓		
SENATOR NELSON	✓		
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR BOYLAN		✓	
SENATOR REGAN		✓	
SENATOR FASBENDER	✓		
SENATOR THIESSEN	✓		
SENATOR THOMAS	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		
SENATOR HIMSL		✓	✓

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Secretary

Chairman

Motion:

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 13, 19 79

MR. President

We, your committee on Finance and Claims

having had under consideration House Bill No. 507
Porter (Thomas)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 507

BE CONCURRED IN
~~DO PASS~~
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SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date _____

H Bill No. *507* Time *8:46*

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
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SENATOR STORY	<i>✓</i>		
SENATOR AKLESTAD		<i>✓</i>	
SENATOR LOCKREM	<i>✓</i>	<i>✓</i>	
SENATOR ETCHART		<i>✓</i>	
SENATOR NELSON		<i>✓</i>	
SENATOR SMITH		<i>✓</i>	
SENATOR BOYLAN		<i>✓</i>	
SENATOR REGAN	<i>✓</i>		
SENATOR FASBENDER	<i>✓</i>		
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SENATOR THOMAS	<i>✓</i>		
SENATOR STIMATZ	<i>✓</i>		
SENATOR HIMSL	<i>✓</i>		

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Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Motion: _____

Be Concurred In

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

.....April 13,..... 19XX79.

MR. President.....

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

having had under considerationHouse..... Bill No. 508.....

Porter (Lockrem)

Respectfully report as follows: That.....House..... Bill No. 508.....

BE CONCURRED IN
RE-PASS

B.O.

SENATE COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 4-13 H Bill No. 508 Time 8:26

NAME YES NO ABSENT

NAME	YES	NO	ABSENT
SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR AKLESTAD		✓	
SENATOR LOCKREM	✓		
SENATOR ETCHART		✓	
SENATOR NELSON	✓		
SENATOR SMITH		✓	
SENATOR BOYLAN		✓	
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR FASBENDER	✓		
SENATOR THIESSEN			
SENATOR THOMAS	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		
SENATOR HIMSL	✓		

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Secretary _____ Chairman _____

Motion: Carry

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 13,

19 79

MR. President

We, your committee on Finance and Claims

having had under consideration House Bill No. 386

Quilici (Story)

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 386

BE CONCURRED IN

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