

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 19, 1979

The 45th meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met in room 108 of the State Capitol Building on the above date. Following roll call the meeting was called to order by Senator Himsl, Chairman, at 4 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All members present.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 425: Senator Himsl said that since 1942 we have been on a long range building program. It had some restraints on the building that was going on. This year we are in a position where some of the demands have exceeded the normal demands and the debt service has reached a point where they can handle this type of bill. The bill that just went through the Senate had a section that said it would be supported by bonds from this.

Senator Story: On the LRB committee where you set your priorities if you thought you would get the 2/3 vote. Have you gotten your essential buildings out of it?

Senator Fasbender: There is money out of it for the state library. It has to be ready to go so that we can have a building ready to go.

Senator Himsl: We could lose the whole court program and the library. We could lose all the items listed in 417 at the end of the bill.

Senator Story: They were considered to have a lower priority?

Senator Fasbender: All the big projects that were not basically maintenance got put into the bonding portion of the bill. Building of buildings in that sense, were put to the bottom of the priority list.

Senator Himsl: The part in the LRB building program is basically all maintenance programs. The building of the state library, the justice building, the job services, the 40 bed unit at the Deaf and Blind, and the remodeling of the gym at Butte Tech.

Senator Thiessen: When we put that building bill together we never expected to have the maintenance in it. We are now dealing with a lot of things that were never intended to be in it.

Senator Himsl: I suppose a part of that can be looked at as maintenance. Like roofing the buildings, etc. They are all that sort of maintenance.

Motion by Senator Regan to amend House Bill 425 to insert on line 12, \$12 million and to change the title to read the same.

Voted and passed.

Motion by Senator Fasbender that 425 be concurred in as amended.

Senator Stimatz: This is this much more than 2 years ago?

Senator Himsl: I think we had some other funds 2 years ago.

Voted and passed.

Discussion was held on the present obligation debt. There is the Highway Complex and the Montana Tech. They are earmarked and it is their own money.

This \$12 million would be a total of \$21 million. We started at \$8 million on the old obligation bonds.

Dave Lewis, Department of Administration: We retire one this year. One will retire next year. We are maintaining the present level of debt service; we are actually decreasing it. We are taking the money that would be paid off and applying it this year.

Senator Story: How much revenue is there from the cigarette tax?

Dave Lewis: There is 11% from the corporate license tax; 11% from the personal income tax; and 10% from the cigarette tax. Then anything in spending on bonds flows into the general fund. We are throwing enough money into the sinking fund that we are getting a better rate.

Senator Stimatz: This leaves us enough money in the sinking fund to take care of the obligation on this? Lewis: yes.

Gene Huntington, Department of Administration: The debt service will drop down below \$2 million and this will bring it back up but below what it has been in the past. We will have a net gain in the sinking fund even after this money is taken out.

Senator Thiesen: I think Senator Story isn't quite right when he says the money will not get into the general fund. You will get caught in the operating and in the maintenance.

Senator Thomas: What about next year? Just continue to bond year after year because of the level of building we are doing?

Dave Lewis: There is no money in the LRB fund for anything except maintenance. If you are going to build any buildings you are going to have to do it this way.

Senator Fasbender will carry the bill on the Senate floor.

The meeting adjourned.

ROLL CALL

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

46TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1979

Date 12/12/79

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR HIMSL	✓		
SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR AKLESTAD	✓		
SENATOR LOCKREM	✓		
SENATOR ETCHART	✓		
SENATOR NELSON	✓		
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FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Date 4-19-79 Bill No. 400 Time 4:31

NAME YES NO ABSENT

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SENATOR STORY			
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Secretary

Chairman

Motion: 9-1 (over)

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SENATOR AKLESTAD	✓	✓	
SENATOR LOCKREM	✓	✓	
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Secretary

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Bill No. 425

Time 4:30

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Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Motion: passed 12/1

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