

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
January 12, 1981

The House Appropriations Committee met at 11:30 a.m. on January 12, 1981 in Room #104, with Chairman Art Lund presiding and all members present except Representatives Ernst, Conroy and Moore who were excused and Representatives Manuel and Bardanouve who were absent. Also present was Legislative Fiscal Analyst Judy Rippingale.

HOUSE BILL #149

CHAIRMAN ART LUND opened the meeting, requesting testimony for HB #149 or against HB #149. There was no testimony and no witnesses.

REP. STOBIE indicated that in view of the Governor's state of the State address and his voluntarily cutting back in his administration, he felt it would be out of line to pass it. He felt that the public would react unfavorably to an increase when everyone was being asked to cut back.

REP. QUILICI said that he too had been concerned about how his constituents would feel about this increase and he went out Sunday and interviewed approximately forty people in the downtown mall in Butte. Not one had any objections to this bill. He noted that most people are aware that the legislators have had not increase in the last four or five years except for step increases. In addition, compared to other states, we are low.

REP. HURWITZ felt that the legislators can live on what they get and he personally felt that he would like to set an example for the people back home to show them that they (the legislators) weren't thinking of themselves first.

REP. LORY felt this was something that should have been done in the previous session so as not to reflect on the current legislators. He stated that the request for an increase should have been made in the last session and action taken this session should be for the next (1983).

REP. WALDRON indicated that he was aware of some members who have problems getting by on this amount. Some have not returned for just that reason, especially those who are married and have families to support. He personally did not believe the constituents would object.

REP. THOFT thought it would be a mistake to take a vote on this in committee. He felt it should go to the floor and let them decide. Rep. Lory concurred with this.

REP. LORY moved that House Bill #149 go to the House Floor without recommendation. It was seconded and let the record show that the vote was eleven for and two against, with the motion passing.

HOUSE BILL #114

House Bill #114 was introduced in Committee on January 10, 1981 and it was referred to the Sub-Committee on Education on the recommendation of Rep. Gene Donaldson.

REP. DONALDSON advised that the Sub-Committee on Education reviewed and recommended DO PASS on House Bill #114 and referred it to this Committee for further recommendation.

REP. QUILICI asked what exactly is the Interpretive-Tutor Program.

REP. DONALDSON explained that children from the Deaf and Blind School go to the public school under the Vo-Tech Program. A tutor is needed in the public school to interpret for these children so that they can function in the public school environment. This tutor may assist a class or on a one-to-one basis as needed.

REP. SHONTZ questioned as to whether this bill pertained exclusively to Great Falls School District. Rep. Donaldson indicated yes.

REP. HEMSTAD added that these children come from all over Montana to the School for the Deaf and Blind and they are then placed in the Great Falls School District.

REP. DONALDSON felt that it should be part of the record that the approximate \$124,000 would be subtracted from House Bill #94. Rep. Donaldson then made a motion that House Bill #114 Do Pass.

REP. QUILICI seconded the motion. Let the record show that it passed unanimous.

The Meeting Adjourned at 11:52 a.m.


ART LUND, CHAIRMAN

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 12, 1931

MR. Speaker:

We, your committee on HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 114

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTAL
MONEY FOR THE INTERPRETIVE-TUTOR PROGRAM AT THE MONTANA STATE
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 1981;
AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 114

DO PASS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 12, 1981

MR. Speaker:

We, your committee on HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 149

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM \$40 TO \$45; MAKING THE INCREASE APPLY AFTER JANUARY 4, 1981; AMENDING SECTION 5-2-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 149

GO TO THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.

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