

January 21, 1981

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

A meeting of the House Legislative Administration Committee was called to order by Chairman Bobby Spilker.

All members were present except Representative Aubyn Curtiss.

Also in attendance were Don Byrd, Chief Clerk, Wayne Phillips, Assistant Chief Clerk, Diana Dowling and Sharole Connelly of the Legislative Council, Bob Marks, Speaker of the House, and Bob White, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The minutes from the January 5th meeting were approved.

Chairman Spilker asked Chief Clerk Don Byrd to explain the changes that have taken place in the staff since the last meeting.

He explained that two stenos were lost immediately. Denise Morley did not accept the position offered and Zorka DaSilva ruptured a vein in her eye and resigned her position. One person has been hired for the steno pool and two more for committee secretaries. A permanent page was hired for the minority leaders office. A man hired as security guard declined the position. Joe Floreen and Lee Mason were hired as security guards.

Speaker Marks asked about overtime being in excess. Chief Clerk Don Byrd said it was not a problem, and that Jeannie Greenfield, Chief Steno, was alternating her girls from 7:30 AM and working to 6:30 PM, and all work was being completed. She asked Don about hiring additional secretaries, as she had requests from select committee chairmen, namely Long Range Building. Speaker Marks indicated that this particular committee should not have to have a special secretary since meetings would be minimal. He said they do not anticipate any additional select committees.

Chairman Spilker asked Assistant Chief Clerk Wayne Phillips to explain the reclassification of Paul Fossum to the members. He said that Paul was hired as posting clerk and has done an excellent job in that position. As the Amendments Coordinator became increasingly busy, Paul assisted him besides doing his posting duties. When he asked for an upgrade to compensate for the added duties, Wayne and Don agreed.

Representative Joe Kanduch made a motion that the additional staff and position change be approved by the committee. Seconded by Representative Carl Zabrocki and carried unanimously.

Chief Clerk Don Byrd reported on air cleaners for the House and Senate. He received a bid on December 27 for \$8,670 only for the House. Larry D'Arcy from the Department of Administration said Administration had some funds and that perhaps they could share the cost. Then Morris Brusett and Phil Hauck met with Speaker Marks and said the ceilings were too high for these particular air cleaners to be effective and they suggested that a large unit be installed in the central air system along with the

other items of renovation that are to take place in the entire capitol building. This sounded like an excellent idea and the chief clerk is going to write Brusett and Hauck a letter to this effect.

Chief Clerk Don Byrd went on to explain the problems arising from the voting machine/microphone set up. The present equipment is worn out and obsolete. Parts can seldom be found to make even incidental repairs. Plans were made last session to replace the system, but funds were not available. Don is going to check on some prices and report back to the committee.

Diana Dowling of the Legislative Council mentioned how smoothly the session is going. Others in the meeting commented on how well the staff cooperates among themselves and with the legislators.

Carl Zabrocki made some comments about the uncomfortable chairs in the House Chambers and Chief Clerk Don Byrd will check on repairs or replacements and report to the committee.

Chairman Spilker adjourned the meeting.

Secretary

Chairman, Bobby Spilker



The Big Sky Country

MONTANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Legislative Administration Committee
Rep. Bob Marks, Speaker of the House
Don Byrd, Chief Clerk of the House
Bob White, Sergeant-at-Arms
Diana Dowling, Director of Legislative Council
Sharole Connelly, Director of Accounting, Leg. Council

FROM: Rep. Bobby Spilker *BS*

There will be a meeting of the House Legislative Administration Committee on Tuesday, January 20, 1981 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 343.

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 77-81

FISCAL NOTE

In compliance with a written request received January 13, 1981, from the Senate for Senate Bill 264, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 5 Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill No. 264 would increase by two the number of round trips per session for which legislators would be allowed to be reimbursed.

ASSUMPTIONS:

The Legislature is reimbursed for 56,450 miles for each round trip authorized.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

A round trip for the entire Legislature costs \$11,290. The additional round trip would cost \$22580.

David M. Lewis

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-29-81

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2 INTRODUCED BY Sen. STEVE BROWN BILL NO. 264
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION
5 5-2-301, MCA, TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO LEGISLATORS
6 FOR THREE ADDITIONAL ROUND TRIPS TO THEIR PLACE OF
7 RESIDENCE."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
10 Section 1. Section 5-2-301, MCA, is amended to read:
11 "5-2-301. Compensation and expenses for members while
12 in session. (1) Legislators are entitled to a salary
13 commensurate to that of the daily rate of a grade 8, step 2
14 classified state employee, for those days during which the
15 legislature is in session. The president of the senate and
16 the speaker of the house shall receive an additional \$5 a
17 day in salary for those days during which the legislature is
18 in session.
19 (2) Legislators are entitled to \$40 a day, 7 days a
20 week, during a legislative session, as reimbursement for
21 expenses incurred in attending a session. Expense payments
22 shall stop when the legislature recesses for more than 3
23 days and shall resume when the legislature reconvenes.
24 (3) Legislators are entitled to a mileage allowance as
25 provided in 2-18-503 for each mile of travel:

1 (a) to the place of the holding of the session and to
2 return to their place of residence at the conclusion of the
3 session; and
4 (b) for ~~one~~ three additional round ~~trip~~ trips to their
5 place of residence during each session.
6 (4) Legislators are not entitled to any additional
7 mileage allowance under subsection (3)(a) or (3)(b) for a
8 special session if it is convened within 7 days of a regular
9 session."

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-2- THIRD READING

SB 264



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MONTANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 9, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Legislative Administration Committee
 (Curtiss, Kanduch, Meyer, Spilker, Zabrocki)
 Rep. Bob Marks, Speaker of the House
 Don Byrd, Chief Clerk of the House
 Bob White, Sergeant-at-Arms
 Diana Dowling, Legislative Council
 Sharole Connelly, Leg. Council

FROM: Rep. Bobby Spilker, Chairman

There will be a meeting of the Legislative Administration Committee on Thursday, February 12, 1981 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 343.