

STATE ADMINISTRATION
MARCH 3, 1981
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The meeting of the House State Administration Committee was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on March 3, 1981 with Chairman Jerry Feda presiding. A quorum was present.

Chairman Feda opened the meeting to a hearing on SB 74.

SENATE BILL 74-SPONSOR, Senator Thomas, introduced this bill to the committee. The purpose of this bill is to update the provisions relating to funding library federations. A library federation is a combination of libraries serving a multicounty, multicity, or city-county area as designated by the State Library Commission. This bill repeals a section of law requiring a local government that is a member of a federation to appropriate money annually for support of the federation. The repealed section also requires that, so far as possible, the taxes levied and collected by the federation members be levied and collected within the territory to be served.

PROPOSERS

ALENE COOPER, Montana State Library, stated that this section of the law is out of date and should be repealed.

JOHN NICHOLS, Montana Library Association, stated that this legislation was instigated by members of the legislative committee as clean-up legislation. He stated that there are no regional library systems in the state.

J. D. HOLMES, Montana Institute of the Arts Foundation, stated that they support this bill as a way of getting rid of a unnecessary statute.

OPPOSERS

There were no opposers present to testify on SB 74.

QUESTIONS BY THE COMMITTEE:

There were no questions by the committee.

Senator Thomas closed the hearing on SB 74.

SENATE BILL 100-SPONSOR, Senator Thomas, introduced SB 100 to the committee. The purpose of this bill is similar to SB 74: to update library funding provisions to reflect current practices. This bill states that the expense of providing library services for the library federation will be based on funds received from the state or participating libraries. Federation funds will be deposited in a separate account, and participating libraries will transfer semiannually to the account money collected for the federation.

PROPONENTS

ALENE COOPER , Montana State Library, stated that the main provision of this bill is the language change in section C, in which it is amended to refer to funds coming from coal tax or federal grant moneys.

JOHN NICHOLS, Montana Library Assoc., stated support of this bill.

J. D. HOLMES, Montana Institute of the Arts Foundation, stated support of this bill.

OPPONENTS

There were no opponents present.

QUESTIONS BY THE COMMITTEE:

Sales: Are coal tax moneys the only moneys that the state provides or is there general fund money also?

Cooper: There is no general fund money. There are some local contracts that provide some of the funding and federal funds have been available sometimes, but this varies each year. There is no state aid other than the coal tax.

Kanduch: How would this affect Anaconda?

Cooper: Not at all, it will merely update the way funds are provided and handled.

Senator Thomas closed the hearing on SB 100.

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Chairman Feda said that the committee would not take executive action on these bills because too many of the members were absent.

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



G. C. "JERRY" FEDA, Chairman

Cathy Martin-Secretary

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HOUSE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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SPONSOR THOMAS

Date 3/3/81

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HOUSE STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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