

The House Appropriations Committee convened on April 15, 1981, at 8:15 a.m., in Room 129, with Chairman Lund presiding and a quorum present.

Chairman Lund opened the meeting to the consideration of an amendment to HB 666.

Rep. Gene Donaldson said the Institutions Subcommittee had met and moved to adopt amendments to HB 666 and HB 563 which would reinsert the Children's Center.

Rep. Donaldson moved to amend HB 666 on page 7, following line 19, to insert "Children's Unit. Billings. 2,626,000 '0."

Rep. Ernst asked the rationale behind pulling it out of Warm Springs. Rep. Donaldson said a sub-subcommittee of Institutions had held hearings the last two days. After reviewing the situation they learned there are 148 young people identified as needing this type of help. So they felt the facility should have 60 beds but be divided into 4 units of 15 beds each. He said as far as location they had agreed it should be near a larger city which has support facilities. He said one of the problems with Warm Springs is all the vacant buildings that do not meet federal specs but are still costing state money to keep up. If these buildings had been near a large city they could possibly have been merchandised. Setting off isolated they are a dead horse. He said the motion in the sub-subcommittee was unanimous to recommend Billings.

Rep. Moore said the amendment is being placed in the cash portion and this is a bonding issue. He made a substitute motion to have the amendment on page 10, following line 7 to insert "Children's Unit. Billings. 2,626,000".

Rep. Conroy asked if the site in Billings has been located. Rep. Donaldson said there are a number of sites available. One that has been mentioned is in the Billings Heights but there is no committal to a specific site, and if none of the available sites work out the county will buy land. The land will be free.

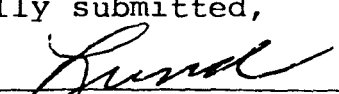
Chairman Lund called for a roll call vote and the motion carried with Reps. Donaldson, Hurwitz, Bardenhove, Manuel, Thoft, Ernst, Conroy and Lund voting yes and Rep. Moore voting no. All others were absent.

Chairman Lund opened the meeting to consider a needed amendment in HB 563.

Rep. Donaldson moved to amend HB 563 on page 1, line 17, by striking "\$31,104,505" and inserting "\$33,730,505". The motion carried unanimously with those present. Same absent as the previous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
ART LUND, CHAIRMAN