

MEETING OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

February 12, 1981

The sixth meeting of the Legislative Administration committee was called to order by Senator Kolstad, Chairman, at 2:00 p.m. on the above date in Room 415 of the state capitol building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present except Senator Mazurek who was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 282: "An Act to Establish a Legislative Energy & Natural Resources Policy Review Committee"

PROPONENTS:

Senator Dover, District 24, one of the authors of SB 282, spoke in support of this bill. He said that many states are looking at Montana for energy and resources, and that we should have an oversight committee. He explained that the purpose of this bill is to establish a mechanism for continual legislative oversight of policies concerning the development, use, and conservation of natural resources and energy in Montana. This bill would have legislators work with the E.Q.C. There should be more oversight and decisions made over energy, he continued. He then stated that he did have some amendments to offer and that they would be ready before the bill was acted on.

Pat Stewart of the Montana Coal Council, also spoke in support of this legislation, stating that there is a need for legislative oversight during the interim.

Alice Fryslie, National Farm Organization, spoke in support of SB 282, saying "We urge a DO PASS recommendation on SB 282." (Exhibit #1)

Peter Jackson of the Western Environment Trade Association also spoke in support of this legislation.

OPPONENTS:

Jay Bauch, L.V.W. of Montana, spoke in opposition to SB 282 (Exhibit #2).

Jim Flynn, Fish, Wildlife & Parks, appeared in behalf of the department and read a report. His testimony is attached. (Exhibit #3)

Leo Berry, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, said that this legislation is not clearly defined as to what they want. He said that attorneys say it is improper legislation and that \$6 and \$7 violate powers of the executive and judicial branches of state government.

John Bartlett, Director of the Department of Health & Environmental Sciences, spoke in opposition to SB 282 also. His testimony is attached. (Exhibit #4)

Gareth Moon, Director of the Department of State Lands, also spoke in opposition to this bill and said that it was constitutionally defective. His testimony is attached. (Exhibit #5)

Steve Dougherty of the Northern Plains Resource Council was the next opponent to speak in opposition to this legislation. (Exhibit #6)

A list of opponents who appeared before the committee but did not testify is attached. (Exhibit #7)

Don Snow of the Environmental Information Center, said that this bill is unacceptable to his organization and recommended a DO NOT PASS on SB 282.

Senator Turnage, President of the Senate, from District 13, told the committee that no position was taken by the Republican party on this legislation and that page 2, lines 10 through 12 are bad. He further stated that SB 282 would cut out citizen input, that the decisions would be made by this committee and the department, and that it would leave nothing for the citizens. He recommended that SB 282 be tabled.

At this time, Senator Dover, in closing, said that he appreciated the committee taking time to hear him, but that he does have some amendments that the staff attorney is working on and which will be ready tomorrow.

Senator Graham told the committee that this bill is a duplication of the E.Q.C. and also that he hated to see another committee set up. Senator McCallum asked if this would mean that legislators would be full-time members, and Senator Dover said that the members would have to spend more time here and that maybe annual sessions would be the answer. Senator Kolstad then closed the hearing on SB 282.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 2: The bill would provide that the Secretary of the Senate, Chief Clerk of the House, and the Chaplains be appointed, not elected.

PROPONENT:

Representative Marks appeared on this bill, stating that he introduced it at the request of the Legislative Improvement Committee.


There were no opponents of H.B. 2 present to testify.

Representative Marks, in closing, said that this has been done for 14 or 15 sessions and that this bill would just make it legal.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 2: Senator Graham recommended that HB 2 BE CONCURRED IN, and the motion carried unanimously. Senator Graham will carry the bill on the floor.

At this time, Senator Kolstad said that the members would study the amendments to SB 282 tomorrow.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



ALLEN C. KOLSTAD, Chairman

ROLL CALL

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1981

Date 2-12-81

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR.President.....

We, your committee onLEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION.....

having had under considerationHouse..... Bill No.2.....

Respectfully report as follows: ThatHouse..... Bill No.2.....

MARKS (Graham)

BE CONCURRED IN

~~DEPASS~~

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 16, 1981

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration Bill No. respectfully report as follows:

That the following attaches of the Senate be terminated as of 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 1981:

Linda Eagle	Page
Cheri Smith	Page
LeAnne Anderson	Page
Dawn Wolf	Page
Joan Malek	Page
Tate Jones	Page
John Peterson	Page

That the following attaches of the Senate be employed as of 8:00 a.m. on February 16, 1981:

Donna Wolslagel	Page
Genevieve Gordon	Page

Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

Mike Cetrone	Page
Kari Parzych	Page
Leah Johnson	Page
Jeanne Violette	Page
Lynn Loucks	Page
Linda Malisani	Page
Mary Ellen Connelly	Committee Secretary

That the following attache of the Senate be employed as of 8:00 a.m. on February 17, 1981:

Chantel Wold	Page
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That the following attache of the Senate be terminated as of 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 1981:

Alice Omang	Chief Journal Clerk
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