

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 3, 1981

The Senate State Administration Committee was called to order by Senator Pete Story, Chairman, on the above date in room 442 of the State Capitol Building at 10 a.m.

ROLL CALL: All members of the committee were present, excepting Senators Johnson and Towe.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 60:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1-1-502, MCA, TO
REQUIRE THE STATE FLAG OF MONTANA TO BEAR
THE WORD "MONTANA"

Rep. J. Melvin Williams introduced this bill by telling that the original flag has been preserved in the Historical Society that was designed during the Spanish American War. He showed a picture of the flag, telling how it had been changed to have the seal of Montana in it. He showed a brochure of other state flags and described similarities and differences, pointing out that 26 states have chosen a blue background because battle flags were blue in the Civil War. His wife, who had sewn the Montana letters on the flag, and Mr. Bob Durkee presented the flag to the committee, showing the present on one side and the projected design on the other.

PROPOSERS: Bob Durkee, VFW; Bob Archibald, Historical Society, stated their support.

OPPOSERS: None.

Questions: Sen. Hafferman asked Mr. Durkee how many suppliers there are; answer, six.

In closing Rep. Williams said the idea came to him in Washington, D. C., when he could not find the Montana flag amongst the fifty flags flying on the Capitol grounds because so many of the state seals are familiar. He mentioned the uniformity of colors on the projected flag and that fringe would be applied only to indoor flags.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 60: Sen. Hafferman moved the bill DO PASS; motion carried with all present voting aye. Sen. Blaylock will carry the bill on the floor.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 145:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 61-3-317, MCA,
AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF PROOF OF PURCHASE
TO BE DISPLAYED IN VEHICLES

Rep. Dan Yardley, sponsored the bill saying it authorizes proof of purchase when one purchases a vehicle from a private individual. It allows the state and county to know when the twenty days are up, and he pointed out page 2, lines 2-7.

PROPOSERS: Larry Majerus explained the problem with people who make up fake bills of sale and do not license their car. He explained the form that will be displayed in the back of the window.

OPPOSERS: None.

Questions: None.

In closing Rep. Yardley said the forms would be recorded when they are passed out and could be obtained in various places. Sen. Hafferman asked about the time limit of filling them out. Mr. Majerus answered that they have to be obtained before they can operate the vehicle. Sen. Hafferman asked about those who buy from another individual; the answer is the same.

Rep. Yardley enclosed a statement.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 145: Sen. Hammond moved it DO PASS; motion carried with one dissention, Sen. Ryan. Sen. Hammond will carry it on the floor.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 387:

AN ACT EXEMPTING INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY-
BASED PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS
FROM THE BIDDING REQUIREMENT FOR PURCHASING
CLOTHING: AMENDING SECTION 18-4-104, MCA

Rep. Marge Hart sponsored this bill saying it gives the institutions the option of buying the clothing. There have been problems with sizes, money; and this gives the local merchants a better feeling in the community. This plan has worked well in Boulder River School, according to reports.

PROPOSERS: Curt Chisholm supported the bill.

OPPOSERS: None.

Questions: Sen. Ryan asked Mr. Chisholm if prisons would be included, and he said they would because the clothing is bought when the inmates are released.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 387: Sen. Hafferman moved it DO PASS; motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 139:

House Bill 139 was received from Governor Schwinden with suggested amendments, which Legislative Council staff man, John Hollow, reviewed with the committee. Sen. Ryan moved they accept the governor's amendments; motion carried unanimously with those present.

ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS:

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION: Discussion by the committee; Sen. Kolstad moved all four appointees be concurred in and confirmed; motion carried affirmatively.

BOARD OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES APPEALS: Sen. Hafferman moved the name be accepted; motion carried by all present. See standing committee reports for the names of the appointees.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 199:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 18-2-101, MCA, TO
CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF CONSTRUCTION FOR
STATE BUILDING PROJECTS

Rep. Earl Lory, sponsor, said this bill is very direct and saves money and explained how they will change the present law to exclude state building renovations to require an architect or engineer.

There were no proponents or opponents.

Questions: Sen. Hafferman asked how new roofing would be controlled and was answered that it would have to be put out by bids but in appropriated monies.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 199: Sen. Kolstad moved it DO PASS; motion carried by unanimous vote by those present.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 274: The sponsor did not present himself, but action was done, regardless. Sen. Kolstad moved DO PASS; motion carried by unanimous vote. Sen. Kolstad will carry on the floor.

See standing committee reports for the above bills that were acted upon this date.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50.



PETE STORY, CHAIRMAN

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Date 3-3

Each day attach to minutes.



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OF THE FASCINATING
STORIES BEHIND OUR

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FACT SHEET

HOUSE BILL 199

The proposed legislation will delete the terms "repair or maintenance" of an existing building from the definition of "construction" as defined by Section 18-2-010, MCA.

The present statute requires the employment of architects and/or engineers for "repair and maintenance" type projects. Generally, these type of projects do not require A/E services and can be handled by state personnel. However, this bill does not preclude employing architects or engineers should a project warrant these services.

The reasons for this proposal are twofold: a savings to the state in both time and money.

It has been estimated that savings of over \$100,000 in design fees could have been realized last biennium if this bill had been in effect.

State procedures for employment of architects/engineers are long and cumbersome. Those, combined with procedures for statewide advertising and contract awards through the Board of Examiners who meet only once a month, can delay maintenance type projects up to four or five months. This is unacceptable on work that needs immediate attention such as leaking roofs or boiler repairs.

Basically this is a housekeeping bill designed to simplify procedures for accomplishing maintenance work in a timely manner with the added benefit of saving the State some money.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 3

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on STATE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 60

WILLIAMS (BLAYLOCK)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 60

JRF

BE CONCURRED IN
UNANIMOUSLY

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 3

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PRESIDENT

MR.

We, your committee on **STATE ADMINISTRATION**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **387**

HART (OLSON)

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE** Bill No. **387**

BE CONCURRED IN

UNANIMOUSLY

JRF

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 3

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PRESIDENT

MR.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on

HOUSE

199

having had under consideration Bill No.

LORY (HAPPERMAN)

HOUSE

199

Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

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BE CONCURRED IN

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 3

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PRESIDENT

MR.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on

HOUSE

145

having had under consideration Bill No.

YARDLEY (HAMMOND)

HOUSE

145

Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

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BE CONCURRED IN

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on STATE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration Bill No.

communication of the Governor dated February 2, 1981, wherein the names of:

ROBERT PENNER, Wolf Point, appointed for a term ending January 7, 1985

BERNT WARD, Plentywood, appointed for a term ending January 7, 1985,

H. V. NEES, Billings, appointed for a term ending January 7, 1985,

CARL IVERSON, Whitlash, reappointed for a term ending January 7, 1985,

were submitted for appointments to the:

Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

said appointments be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate, and that the attached resolution be adopted by the Senate.

BE CONCURRED IN AND CONFIRMED

JRF

ENCLOSURE

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MARCH 3

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PRESIDENT

MR.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on

having had under consideration Bill No.

communication of the Governor dated February 2, 1981, wherein the
name of:

MINNIE ELLEN FRITZLER, Crow Agency, reappointed for a term ending
January 7, 1984,

was submitted for appointment to the:

BOARD OF SOCIAL AND RESABILITATION SERVICES APPEALS

Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

said appointment be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate, and
that the attached resolution be adopted by the Senate.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 3

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **STATE ADMINISTRATION**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **274**

Brand (Kolstad)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **274**

BE CONCURRED IN
DO PASS

JRF