

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 12, 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: The absences were Senators Kolstad, Johnson, and Ryan.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 792: Rep. Menahan notified the chairman that this was requested by the governor to be moved to Finance and Claims committee. The chairman announced that it will not be heard in this committee today.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 637:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM
CONFLICT ERA SERVICE CREDITS FOR THE TEACHERS'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM COMPARABLE TO THOSE GRANTED
VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREAN CONFLICT
AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THESE CREDITS THROUGH
INCREASED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Rep. Aaron Andreason explained the bill relating to the Viet Nam War and the fact that the veterans were not respected and given the same treatment as the other veterans. Viet Nam veterans were excluded from teachers retirement system whereby the other war veterans received service credit. It is limited that those who received years of service for the other wars could not receive also for the Viet Nam War.

PROPOSERS: Dave Sexton, Mt. Education Association; Eric Feaver, self; Bob Durkee, VFW; Tony Cumming, American Legion; all supported and said it restores inequity and is a fair bill.

OPPOSERS: None.

Questions: Sen. Towe asked Rep. Andreason about the insertion on page 1, line 17 about four years creditable service. He answered that the purpose is to give comparable credits, and it applies only to those months within the dates.

Sen. Hafferman asked if they had to have been teaching before they went into the service. The answer was no; it was given to anyone who was a member of the service and later became a member in the teachers retirement.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 637: Sen. Hammond moved DO PASS; motion carried by unanimous vote by those present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 725:

AN ACT TO REVISE THE LICENSING LAWS FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS;
INCREASING REGISTRATION FEES; CLARIFYING
REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A LAND
SURVEYOR

Rep. Melvin Underdal read the title and said this will change various fees; all are raised 50 per cent with the exception that the fee for both professional engineer and land surveyor will be doubled because they pay their own way.

PROPOSERS: H.S. Hanson, representing the surveyors and engineering organization, Montana Technical Council, supported the bill including the educational requirement.

OPPOSERS: None.

Questions: Sen. Towe asked Rep. Underdal about the discrepancy between the \$90 on page 5, line 24 and the same on page 3, lines 20-25. Mr. Hanson was asked to explain that page 3 applied to the application for examination and page 5 is for renewal.

Sen. Hammond announced that he had received letters from some engineering group saying this bill would put them out of business. Mr. Hanson pointed out that some belong to the organization and some do not. Sen. Hammond said they had written that they thought the rates were too high for them to pay.

Proponent M. McDonough pointed that the rates are the absolute maximum, and Sen. Towe asked her to explain the rates. She explained the two classes and verified that they anticipate no increase. He asked her if the rates were based on costs as the other professional licenses. The answer was yes. Sen. Towe asked if there are penalties for late renewal and pointed out that setting codification instruction could be added.

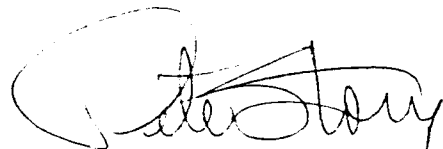
ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 725: Sen. Towe moved an amendment, which passed; he moved the bill DO PASS, AS AMENDED; motion carried unanimously with those present. See standing committee report for amendments. Sen. Hafferman will carry on the floor.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 573: Sen. Towe moved the amendment; motion carried; he moved the bill DO PASS, AS AMENDED. Sen. Hammond will carry the bill.

Sen. Hammond brought up House Bill 637 again and discussed the term "creditable service".

Chairman Story announced that if there are questions after the hearing, the members should feel free to move to reconsider any actions.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:15.



PETE STORY, CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1981

Date 3-12

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Senator Pete Story, Chairman	✓		
Senator Allen Kolstad, V. C.		✓	
Senator William Hafferman	✓		
Senator H. W. Hammond	✓		
Senator Jan Johnson		✓	
Senator Patrick Ryan		✓	
Senator Thomas Towe	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

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REPRESENTING WHOM? Board of Professional Engineers & Land
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APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H5

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 12

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on STATE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 637
ANDREASON (HAMMOND)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 637

, third reading copy,

Y.C.

BE CONCURRED IN

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 12 1901

MR. PRESIDENT

STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 725

UNDERDAL (HAFFERMAN)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 725

, third reading copy, be amended as follows:

1. Page 6, line 16.

Following: "amount"

Strike: "equal to"

Insert: "not to exceed"

H.C.

AND, AS SO AMENDED,

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 HOUSE Bill No. 573
NORDTVEDT (HAMMOND)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 573

, third reading copy, be amended, as follows:

1. Page 1, line 21.

Following: "reduced"

Insert: "as follows: (a)"

2. Page 1, line 22.

Following: "which"

Strike: "during the first 60 months that"

Insert: "up to a maximum of 60 months by which"

3. Page 1, line 25.

Following: "service"

Insert: ";

Following: "and"

Insert: "(b)"

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CONTINUED

HOUSE BILL 573, page 2

4. Page 2, line 1.

Following: "months"

Strike: "during the last 60 months"

Insert: "in excess of the 60 months in subsection (2)(a) but not to exceed 60 additional months"

AND AS SO AMENDED,

BE CONCURRED IN