

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 14, 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 Senator Towe.

Chairman Story announced that he was asked by the President of the Senate to reconsider House Bill 580, which the committee had amended with Sen. Kolstad's amendments. He mentioned the cuts in salary that had been made during their action.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 63:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY ON THE
STATE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM.

Rep. Jack Moore stated this is a state administration bill, resulting from a tabled eighty-page document to establish a contracting bill within state government. The committee had decided there should be a study during the interim on the state procurement system.

Chairman Story asked who had requested the eighty-page bill, and Rep. Moore replied he had.

There being no proponents or opponents, questions were asked for from the committee. There were none, so Rep. Moore closed by expressing hope that the committee would pass the bill and indicated they could choose who would carry it on the floor.

ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 63: Sen. Hafferman moved DO PASS; motion carried by unanimous vote by those present. Sen. Hafferman will carry the bill.

Chairman Story brought up House Bill 580 again and asked what the pleasure of the committee would be. He asked a visitor if he cared to testify in behalf of this bill. Maynard Olson, from Ed Argenbright's Office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction, expressed his opinion that the salaries were inadequate and gave examples of other districts' salaries for this particular office. He expressed concern that the state of Montana would have difficulty hiring highly-qualified people.

Sen. Hammond stated he felt this is a bad time to increase salaries; they should wait until next session.

Chairman Story asked the committee if they wished to make a motion to reconsider House Bill 580. Sen. Ryan moved to reconsider the action; discussion resumed. Sen. Ryan expressed his opinion that he wanted to discuss the superintendent's salary and said they should face these at the present time because there is an inequity. Motion carried to reconsider.

Sen. Johnson asked if their leader had seen Sen. Kolstad's figures, and it was agreed by the committee that he did not accept their amendments.

Sen. Kolstad commented that the pay plan is astronomical. He asked where the money comes from for these salaries and was told that House Bill 500 provides it. He referred to Tom Harrison's remarks from another meeting saying that it was a 16 per cent increase, but in the pay plan it was 25.9.

Sen. Hammond expressed approval for the increase at this time, admitting his previous decision to oppose.


ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 580: Sen. Hammond moved that they leave the salary the same figure that was originally proposed for the Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$34,120 and \$36,929. Motion carried.

Sen. Ryan asked for a straw vote to see who wanted to investigate the legislative pay plan. He then moved to move the grade from an 8 to a 10; motion failed. There was discussion of being equal to the prison guard, and he suggested increasing it to a 9 instead of 10. He made a motion to this effect; motion carried by majority with Sen. Kolstad voting No.

Sen. Johnson moved the bill DO PASS, AS AMENDED; motion carried unanimously; Sen. Story will carry the bill.

Chairman Story announced this would be the last meeting for the committee and commended the Senators on being outstanding members. The staff man, John Hollow, and the secretary, Barbara Simic, were thanked for their contributions.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:20.



PETE STORY, CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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PRESIDENT

MR.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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having had under consideration Bill No.

MOORE (HAFFERMAN)

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Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

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BE CONCURRED IN

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