

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 17, 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 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Senator Hammond.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 67:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF SAFETY PROBLEMS OF MONTANA AIRPORTS AND THE AMOUNTS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING NEEDED TO CORRECT THE PROBLEMS.

Rep. Bob Sivertsen stated this resolution asks for an interim study of the safety problems coming up, seeking ways to improve and maintain our airport system in Montana. "Our best mode of transportation is our air service, and if we do not take steps to protect the existing investment, some of our airports may be closed."

There were no proponents, opponents, so questions were opened up to the committee.

Sen. Ryan asked who might be doing the study because it may need people with expertise. Rep. Sivertsen answered that the legislative council may take care of assigning it. The senator asked him if there have been complaints from the airlines, and the answer was affirmative. Rep. Sivertsen cited an airport in eastern Montana which had air ambulance service has discontinued the service because of safety problems. There is a lack of money to improve the conditions.

Sen. Towe was informed that not only the small airports will be studied, but the entire air system will benefit from the study.

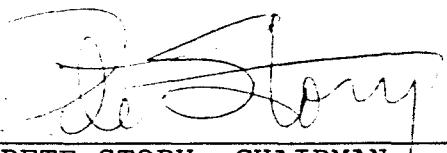
The hearing was closed.

ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 67: Sen. Towe moved the resolution DO PASS; discussion. Sen. Towe said this bill had been in the taxation committee and big airlines representatives came and testified they would be paying most of the money to fix up small airline problems. Sen. Story remarked that the money may have to come out of property taxes. Sen. Towe said

it does need to be reviewed and it would be advisable to find a system that would not affect the large airlines. Sen. Johnson verified the fact that airlines pay a landing fee each time they land.

The motion carried unanimously to pass the resolution. Sen. Story will carry the bill on the floor.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:40.



PETE STORY, CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **STATE ADMINISTRATION**.....

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**..... Bill No. **67**.....

SIVERTSEN (STORY)

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**..... Bill No. **67**.....

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BE CONCURRED IN

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Pete Story