

MINUTES OF MEETING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 8, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George McCallum at 1:30 p.m. on April 8, 1983 in Room 405, State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: Eight Senators were present with Sens. Crippen, Story and Thomas excused.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 682: Rep. John Shontz, sponsor of the bill, explained that the Emergency Medical Services Bureau lost about half of their funding and this is one way to keep the program alive. The statute says \$5 for the fee but in doing some checking he found the cost was \$143 per vehicle. The state gets \$5.00 of that. He read a portion of a letter from an ambulance service in Billings stating that they felt the license fee should not exceed \$200 but were in favor of an increase. The \$35 is a long way from that. The Montana Private Ambulance Operators were also in favor of an increase with a minimum of \$125 up to a maximum of \$300. He said that this would enable the program to continue and asked the Committee's concurrence in the bill.

DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 682: Sen. Van Valkenburg asked if Rep. Shontz didn't want an effective date of July 1 on the bill. Rep. Shontz didn't really think it was necessary and also the bill had quite a hassle in the House, mainly because they did not understand it and this would put it into a Conference Committee. Rather than add an amendment to it he suggested that the committee simply concur in the bill.

Sen. Marbut asked if there was a particular time when these renewals begin to which Rep. Shontz said there was not. Sen. Hammond asked about the figures on the fiscal note. Rep. Shontz said he did not know where they got those figures.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 682: Sen. Van Valkenburg MOVED THAT HB 682 BE CONCURRED IN. MOTION CARRIED. Sen. Story will carry the bill on the floor.

MEETING ADJOURNED 1:40 p.m.


SENATOR GEORGE MCCALLUM, CHAIRMAN

(Type in committee members names and have 50 printed to start.)

ROLL CALL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
OCHSNER	✓		
CRIPPEN			✓
HAMMOND	✓		
STORY			✓
MARBUT	✓		
CONOVER	✓		
FULLER	✓		
THOMAS			✓
VAN VALKENBURG	✓		
BOYLAN	✓		
McCALLUM	✓		

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **682**

Shontz (Story)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **682,**

third reading copy,

BE CONCURRED IN

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