

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 20, 1983

The fifty-eighth meeting of the State Administration was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Pete Story at 8:00 a.m on Wednesday, April 20, 1983 in room 331 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was noted. Those present were Senator Marbut, Senator Tveit, Senator Story and Senator Towe.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear HJR 44, HJR 46 and HJR 4.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY TO EXPLORE MECHANISMS OR PROCEDURES TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATURE IN DECISION-MAKING CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE 49th LEGISLATURE.

REPRESENTATIVE RAMIREZ introduced the resolution stating that it was to look at the mechanics or procedures to monitor public pension plans.

There was some discussion by the committee. There were no proponents or opponents.

ACTION ON HJR 44:

SENATOR TOWE MOVED THAT HJR 44 BE CONCURRED IN.

MOTION PASSED. Senator Story will carry this resolution.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 46:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE STATUTES, AND PROCEDURES; AND REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STUDY TO THE LEGISLATURE.

REPRESENTATIVE HARPER introduced this resolution to the committee and reviewed the bill.

PROPOSERS:

JOYCE BROWN, Project Director for Personnel and Labor, Department of Administration, testified in behalf of the resolution. She said that the commission agrees that something needs to be done to clear up the inequities. Some believe that the grievance process is for the employees benefit. The legal requirements

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should be studied more. Ms. Brown said that the biggest opponent is labor.

SENATOR MARBUT said that he does not believe the legislature should get involved.

ACTION ON HJR 46:

SENATOR TOWE MOVED THAT HJR 46 BE CONCURRED IN.

MOTION PASSED. (Senator Towe will carry this resolution)

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF OPTION AND ALTERNATIVES FOR INVESTING STATE RETIREMENT FUNDS, COAL TAX TRUST FUNDS, AND OTHER CASH FUNDS; REQUIRING A REPORT OF THE STUDY FINDINGS TO THE 49th LEGISLATURE.

REPRESENTATIVE NORDTVEDT introduced this resolution to the committee and said that the slightest change in function could change the acturarily. This is a review of wheather there was anything that could be done to imrove the yeilds. He said that the same people doing the Ramirez study could do this one.

PROPOSERS:

DAVE SENN, PERS, State Administration, spoke for Larry Nachtsheim. Written testimony is shown as EXHIBIT 1.

There were no further proponents nor any opponents.


ACTION ON HJR 4:

SENATOR TVEIT MOVED THAT HJR 4 BE CONCURRED IN.

MOTION PASSED. Senator Towe will carry this resolution.

There was no further.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.


CHAIRMAN, Senator Pete Story

ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

8:00 a.m.

48th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1983

Date April 20

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SEAT #

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	
SENATOR PETE STORY, Chairman	X			45
SENATOR H. W. HAMMOND, Vice Ch				34
SENATOR REED MARBUT	X			44
SENATOR LARRY TVEIT	X			33
SENATOR R. MANNING				48
SENATOR LAWRENCE STIMATZ				7
SENATOR THOMAS TOWE	X			26
SENATOR GARY LEE				11

Each day attach to minutes.

DATE _____

COMMITTEE ON _____

VISITORS' REGISTER

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee

The Public Employees' Retirement Board supports the concept of this resolution.

They have tried whenever possible to present factual testimony, but we know and are sure the legislators recognize that on some legislation we have a point of view that may be contrary to other groups.

They feel that this resolution recognizes the complicated and technical problems involved in the administration of multiple systems with different funding and benefits.

Currently the Legislative Auditor does review the operation of the P.E.R.D. as to compliance to statute as well as fiscal operations ~~and~~ the Board would not support the creation of a legislative retirement agency to duplicate the management of the retirement system, currently supplied by the Board and the Department of Administration.

On the other hand they do support the concept of a legislative committee to work with the Board to establish long term plans and goals and independently review all retirement legislation; not only retirement legislation proposed by concerned groups, and individual legislations but also agency requested legislation.

An interim committee would have the time needed to pursue the many ramifications of a "simple retirement measure", that is not always permitted due to time restraints. Independent expertise could be secured by an interim committee, an alternative not readily available to committees during the session.

Finally, if this resolution is implemented we would recommend that the leadership of the Legislature consider appointment of some members from both State Administration Committees who have developed an expertise in the area of retirement legislation. This would provide a base from which the interim committee could embark.

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **STATE ADMINISTRATION**

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** Bill No. **44**

Ramirez (Story)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** Bill No. **44**

BE CONCURRED IN

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MR. **PRESIDENT**

We, your committee on **STATE ADMINISTRATION**

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

Bill No. **46**

Harper (Towe)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

Bill No. **46**

**BE CONCURRED IN
DO PASS**

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PRESIDENT

MR.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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having had under consideration

Nordtvedt (Tows)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Bill No. **4**

Respectfully report as follows: That

BE CONCURRED IN

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