

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 21, 1983

The sixtieth meeting of the State Administration was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Pete Story at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 21, 1983 in room 331 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken. Those present were Senator Story, Senator Hammond, Senator Marbut, Senator Stimatz and Senator Lee. Senators Tveit, Manning and Towe were absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider House Joint Resolution 47.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 47:

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT AN INTERIM STUDY BE CONDUCTED TO EXAMINE THE STATUS OF MONTANA-CANADIAN RELATIONS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW STATE GOVERNMENT CAN BECOME BETTER EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH BORDER ISSUES.

REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT, District 78, author of HJR 47, introduced the resolution stating that this is a study request. It is unique and requires no state money or legislative involvement. It would add impetus to the 49th parallel at MSU that they would like to have for the study which will be approximately \$10,000 which they themselves would raise.

This study would look at Montana-Canadian relations and they would submit their study to the legislature. Representative Vincent said that Mike Fitzgerald spoke to the House Committee regarding border relations. One of the problems they are having is the Milk river. He said that they made an amendment in the House to be sure the Legislative Council would not be involved. Representative Vincent said that Senator Stephens has agreed to carry the resolution in the Senate.

Lauren McKinsey, who is an expert, heads this institute which is called the 49th Parallel Institute which is approved by the board of regents in the University System. It is centered at MSU and is not funded by public funds. Mr. McKinsey heads this study up and there are few others involved in the study. Mr. McKinsey is a native Montanan who was employed at the college for 14 years in political science and a person who has studied relations with Canada intensively.

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PROPOSERS AND OPPOSERS: There were no proposers nor opposers.

QUESTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE:

SENATOR STORY asked if there will be a charter filed with the Secretary of State.

REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT stated he was not sure.

SENATOR HAMMOND asked if this study would involve parks.

REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT said that it very well may. Mr. McKinsey assured him that he would be happy to solicit legislative input.

SENATOR HAMMOND said that they are buying up land next to him and no one knows what it will be.

REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT said that is the purpose of this study.

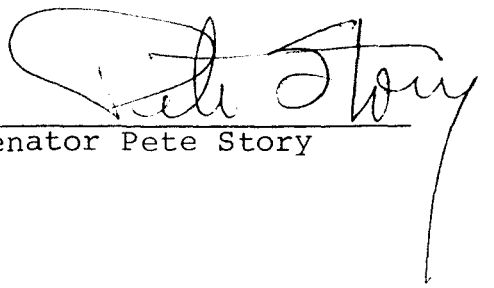
In answer to Senator Stephens' question, Representative Vincent said that Mr. McKinsey did speak French. He also remarked that Representative Ellerd spoke for it in the House. They are asking for the blessing of the state.

The hearing closed on HJR 47.

ACTION ON HJR 47:

SENATOR HAMMOND MOVED THAT HJR BE CONCURRED IN.
MOTION.

The meeting adjourned.


CHAIRMAN, Senator Pete Story

ROLL CALL

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COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR PETE STORY, Chairman	X		
SENATOR H. W. HAMMOND, Vice Ch	X		
SENATOR REED MARBUT	X		
SENATOR LARRY TVEIT			
SENATOR R. MANNING			
SENATOR LAWRENCE STIMATZ	X		
SENATOR THOMAS TOWE			
SENATOR GARY LEE	X		

Each day attach to minutes.

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PRESIDENT

MR.

STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

having had under consideration ~~HOUSE~~ No. 47

VINCENT (STEPHENS)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** Bill No. 47

BE CONCURRED IN

BEFORE

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