

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 15, 1985

The meeting of the Appropriations Committee was called to order by Chairman Bardanouve on February 15, 1985 at 3:15 p.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present except Representatives Moore and Peck, who were excused.

(Tape 6:A:000)

Chairman Bardanouve said there are three requests for Appropriations Committee bills.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & REHABILITATION SERVICES:

General Assistance Program:

Representative Winslow said there is agreement between the Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS) and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA) that it would be better if the state-assumed counties, which are now submitting their 12 mills for General Assistance to SRS, would be required to deposit the funds into the General Fund. The funds will have to be appropriated from the General Fund. At present, they are appropriated to SRS which also receives the funds from the counties. They come into SRS as a Special Revenue.

The Chairman said this will increase the General Fund, but will also increase the expenditures from the General Fund.

E X E C U T I V E A C T I O N :

Representative Winslow made a motion the Appropriations Committee draft a bill directing the 12 mills received from state-assumed counties for General Assistance be deposited into the General Fund.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

(End of Executive Action)

SECRETARY OF STATE:

Representative Quilici (068) said his subcommittee estimates a saving of \$42,000 per biennium if the Secretary of State's office could delete the 1 copy of the Administrative Rules now being

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given to the Clerk of the Court. He said one copy is now given to the County Commissioners' office and the Clerks of Court could access the document there.

E X E C U T I V E A C T I O N :

Representative Quilici made a motion the Appropriations Committee draft a bill to delete the one copy of Administrative Rules now being supplied to Clerks of the Court by the Secretary of State.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

(End of Executive Action)

POLICE ACADEMY:

Representative Thoft (108) said the law requires the Police Academy be located near a unit of the university system. His subcommittee on Long-Range Planning recommends the committee draft a committee bill deleting this requirement to provide an opportunity for other locations which could result in savings. The capital construction request is for \$7.2 million.

Representative Hand (126) said if the Academy were not near a university unit, a certain amount of instruction would be denied. Representative Thoft said the difference is that the Legislature can go to possibly two other locations and save approximately \$6 million to furnish the education.

Representative Bradley (141) said there would be enormous savings by locating the Academy near a university unit. She said she thinks a location at Dillon would make more sense than a location where no university facilities are available. Representative Thoft said the Legislature should be able to exercise the option of locating the Academy anywhere in the state.

Chairman Bardanouve (157) said one of the alternatives is an abandoned radar base at Lewistown. The base was purchased by a Bible college and they put in hundreds of thousands of dollars for classrooms and it is an excellent facility. He said it may be the only disadvantage is that it is too big. He said the bank may be happy to get around \$1.5 million for the property which cost far more than that. He said perhaps some of the houses on the property could be sold.

E X E C U T I V E A C T I O N :

Representative Thoft made a motion that the Appropriations Committee draft a bill deleting the requirement that the Police Academy be located near a unit of the university system.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried, with Representatives Bradley, Hand and Quilici voting no.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



FRANCIS BARDANOUE, CHAIRMAN

DAILY ROLL CALL
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
BARDANOUE	X		
DONALDSON	X		
BRADLEY	X		
CONNELLY	X		
ERNST	X		
HAND	X		
LORY	X		
MANUEL	X		
MENAHAN	X		
MILLER	X		
MOORE			X
NATHE	X		
PECK			X
QUILICI	X		
REHBERG	X		
SPAETH	X		
SWIFT	X		
THOFT	X		
WALDRON	X		
WINSLOW	X		