

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 25, 1985

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The Education Subcommittee was called to order by Vice Chairman Judy Jacobson on Friday, January 25, 1985, at 8:05 A.M. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

All members were present except Chairman Donaldson, who joined the meeting later on.

The purpose of the meeting was EXECUTIVE ACTION on the Budgets of the Bureau of Mines and the Forest Experiment Station, and on House Bill 63.

Bill Sykes (24:A:055) of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's office discussed vacancy savings. Both the Bureau of Mines and the Forest Experiment Station do not want vacancy savings applied to faculty. Commensurate with action taken previously on the School for the Deaf and Blind, Mr. Sykes presented some options. The Bureau of Mines requests no vacancy savings, in which case the LFA personal services amount would be \$890,699 for each year. A second option is to apply 4 percent vacancy savings only to part-time and classified employees, excluding the faculty, in which case the amount for personal services would be \$879,572 for each year.

The Bureau of Mines Budget was acted upon first.

Senator Haffey (24:A:085) moved acceptance of LFA current level for personal services, with vacancy savings not applied to teaching FTE, at \$879,572 for each year. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Representative Hand (24:A:133) moved acceptance of LFA current level for operating expenses, reduced for the higher contracted services, at \$601,723 for FY 86 and \$630,566 for FY 87. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Representative Moore (24:A:183) moved acceptance of LFA current level for equipment in the amounts of \$25,822 for FY 86 and \$20,830 for FY 87. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Senator Haffey (24:A:220) moved acceptance of funding in the amount of \$53,000 for each year. (This is the amount projected by the Bureau.) The motion passed 6 - 0.

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Representative Hand (24:A:295) moved acceptance of the Bureau of Mines' modification, "Expansion of Mineral and Ground-Water Information Services", at a total cost of \$160,000 for the biennium.

Representative Moore suggested that no action be taken on modified requests. Vice Chairman Jacobson said she felt it was only fair to consider the modified requests, even though it may eventually become clear that they cannot be funded.

Discussion of the modification followed with questions being asked of Dr. McLernan, Director, Bureau of Mines, regarding the modified request.

The motion to approve the Bureau of Mines' modified request, "Expansion of Mineral and Ground-Water Information Services", was voted on. There was a roll call vote, and the motion passed 6 - 0.

The Subcommittee then considered the Budget of the Forest Experiment Station.

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Senator Haffey (24:B:043) moved adoption of LFA current level for personal services, with 4 percent vacancy savings to apply only to part-time and classified personnel, at \$529,612 for each year. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Representative Moore (24:B:150) moved adoption of LFA current level for operating expenses, plus the inflation differential and \$4,017 for each year for fee waivers, and less \$8,437 in supplies and materials for each year. The net amounts are \$137,419 for FY 86 and \$144,334 for FY 87. The motion passed 6 - 0.

Representative Moore (24:B:252) moved acceptance of LFA current level for equipment in the amounts of \$19,609 for FY 86 and \$17,500 for FY 87. The motion passed 6 - 0.

A discussion of the modified request of the Forest Experiment Station followed between the Subcommittee members and Dr. Ben Stout, Director, Forest Experiment Station (24:B:290).

Senator Haffey (24:B:351) moved appropriation of \$106,377 for FY 86 and \$79,026 for FY 87 for two FTE technicians, one FTE scientist, and corresponding operating costs and capital equipment. There was a roll call vote and the motion passed 4 - 2 with Senator Hammond and Representative Peck dissenting.

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NOTE: Representative Donaldson joined the meeting and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

The Subcommittee next turned its attention to House Bill 63 (24:B:639).

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Senator Jacobson made a motion that House Bill 63 DO PASS.

Representative Moore made a substitute motion that Line 11 of House Bill 63 be amended to read \$140,000 instead of \$219,400. The amendment passed unanimously.

Representative Moore (24:A:059) made a motion that House Bill 63, as amended, DO PASS.


There was further discussion of the bill. Chairman Donaldson said he would like for the bill to become part of the Bureau of Mines budget as a modified request.

Accordingly, Representative Moore moved that the Subcommittee reconsider its action on House Bill 63. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Moore (24:A:099) moved to table House Bill 63. The motion passed unanimously.

Representative Moore (24:A:204) moved that a second modification be authorized for the budget of the Bureau of Mines in the amount of \$140,000 for the purpose of earthquake hazard evaluation. The motion passed 6 - 0 with Representative Peck abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.


Gene Donaldson, Chairman

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Motion: Senator Haffey moved appropriation of \$106,377 for FY 86 and \$79,026 for FY 87 for two FTE technicians, one FTE scientist, and corresponding operating costs and capital equipment, as a modified, for the Forestry Experiment Station.