

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION  
MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE

April 24, 1985

The meeting of the Legislative Administration Committee was called to order by Chairman Menahan at 12:35 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, 1985, in Room 437 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Menahan, Brown, Donaldson, Grady and Zabrocki.

House Resolution No. 4, dealing with disposition of House supplies and furniture during the interim, was discussed. Points raised were that equipment replacement has not been dealt with in the past, and that there was no awareness of what kinds of equipment were available. It was recommended that during the next session equipment should be acquired, and that cost replacement and depreciation should be considered. One option would be to buy equipment and lease it back to a state agency during the interim.

It was proposed that page 2, line 4 of House Resolution No. 4 should be amended to add ", except for special sessions" after "interim."

MOTION: Rep. Donaldson moved that House Resolution No. 4 do pass as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

House Bill No. 960, allowing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to receive compensation and expenses for presession business, was considered. It was suggested that in the future, others could be included. MOTION: Rep. Donaldson moved that House Bill No. 960 do pass. Motion carried unanimously.

General discussion followed on problems with phone use and expense. It was pointed out that there are 150 legislators and 188 phones. Items which need to be controlled are the number of lines coming in and the number of hookup changes made. There is at the present time no policy on who gets phones and the number of phones. Problems noted with phone booths were that they are inconvenient, uncomfortable, and used by too many people. Suggestions were that there be a limit put on who can use the phones, and that there be time limits put on phone use.

Problems with restrooms were also discussed. Specific problems mentioned were inadequate cleaning and that too many people were allowed to use legislative restrooms.

MOTION: Rep. Donaldson moved that the Committee request that the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Chief Clerk make preparations for the next session so that legislators have the option of receiving second

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reading packets each day on their desks. Motion carried unanimously.

One last point discussed was the noise and confusion level on the House floor. It was suggested that perhaps restrictions could be placed on who would be allowed on the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

  
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CHAIRMAN WILLIAM "RED" MENAHAN

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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**SPEAKER**

MR. ....

We, your committee on **LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, BILLS & JOURNAL**

having had under consideration **HOUSE RESOLUTION** Bill No. **4**

**first** reading copy ( **white** )  
color

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE RESOLUTION** Bill No. **4**

## BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Page 2, line 4  
Following: "interim"  
Insert: ", except for special sessions"

**AND AS AMENDED**

**DO PASS**

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**SPEAKER**

MR. ....

**LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, BILLS & JOURNAL**

We, your committee on .....

**HOUSE**

having had under consideration ..... Bill No. **960**

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**HOUSE**

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Respectfully report as follows: That..... Bill No. ....

DO PASS

1  
2 INTRODUCED BY Merrill HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4  
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA REQUIRING ALL HOUSE SUPPLIES TO BE STORED UNDER LOCK  
6 AND KEY AND ALL FURNITURE BELONGING TO THE HOUSE TO BE  
7 LABELED AND NOT MOVED DURING THE INTERIM.

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9 WHEREAS, much difficulty has been experienced in  
10 locating stored supplies and furniture belonging to the  
11 House; and

12 WHEREAS, some articles of furniture have not yet been  
13 located, and the use of House furniture by other state  
14 departments during the interim has caused confusion and some  
15 damage.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

19 That all small supplies and typewriters belonging to  
20 the House of Representatives of the State of Montana be  
21 boxed, labeled, and stored under lock and key in the  
22 Capitol.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sergeant-at-Arms of  
24 the House shall inventory all of the items of furniture in  
25 each individual office and committee room of the House and

1 that all furniture belonging to the House remain in the  
2 particular offices and committee rooms of the House and may  
3 not be removed from the various offices and committee rooms  
4 of the House during the interim; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution  
6 shall be delivered to the Director of the Department of  
7 Administration, as a formal request of the House.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 960INTRODUCED BY Monahan

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE ENTITLEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ELECTED AT THE PRESESSION CAUCUS TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES FOR PRESESSION BUSINESS; AMENDING SECTION 5-2-302, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 5-2-302, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-2-302. Compensation and expenses when legislature not in session. (1) When the legislature is not in session, members of the legislative council, legislative subcommittees, and select and interim committees, while engaged in authorized committee business, are entitled to:

(a) a mileage allowance as provided in 2-18-503;

(b) expenses as provided in 2-18-501 and 2-18-502;

and

(c) a salary equal to one full day's pay at the rate of a classified state employee, described in 5-2-301 for each 24-hour period of time (from midnight to midnight), or portion thereof, spent away from home on authorized committee business. However, if time spent for business other than authorized committee business results in

lengthening a legislator's stay away from home into an additional 24-hour period, he may not be compensated for the additional day.

(2) The president elect of the senate or the speaker elect of the house when engaged in pre-session business as provided in 5-2-202 is entitled to a salary equal to 1 full day's pay at the rate of a classified state employee as described in 5-2-301 for each 24-hour period of time (from midnight to midnight), or portion thereof, spent engaged in pre-session business. If the business is conducted away from home, the president or speaker is entitled to a mileage allowance as provided in subsection (1)(a) and expenses as provided in subsection (1)(b)."

-End-

INTRODUCED BILL

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