

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 14, 1985

The Legislative Administration Committee was called to order by Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman on January 14, 1985 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 402 of the State Capitol Building, Helena, Montana.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present.

Others present at this meeting were Assistant Sergeant-of-Arms, Margaret Regan, Sergeant-at-Arms, Ralph Erving and Senator Crippen.

The meeting was opened for hearings on SB 65 and HJR 7.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 65.

"AN ACT TO DESIGNATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES SHOULD A TIE VOTE OCCUR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING EITHER HOUSE...."

After a brief introduction by Senator Blaylock the committee discussed the bill. It was stated that Senator Himsl had submitted a bill but that it did not address the committees as this bill does.

SENATOR KOLSTAD MOVED that SENATE BILL 65 DO PASS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATOR BLAYLOCK told the committee that they have all the desks and chairs they needed and that Margaret Regan is checking on recorders.

MARGARET REGAN, ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, reported to the committee that she has checked into the purchasing or renting of recorders. She said that we can rent or purchase from the capitol office. They will rent her two recorders at \$155 each. Additional equipment will cost about \$210 each. She stated they can rent better equipment from Empire Office Equipment. This would cost \$30 a month and would include head set, foot pedal and hand mike with the recorders. She stated that would be her preference. They can obtain reel to reel recorders from the LFA for the committee secretaries. She said that they have three Magnavox recorder and transcribers

SENATOR KOLSTAD asked what would happen if they rent the equipment and it disappeared. He suggested insurance to cover these items.

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SENATOR MC CALLUM remarked that those that were assigned the machines would be responsible for them.

SENATOR KOLSTAD MOVED TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT OF THE BETTER EQUIPMENT as internal business.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SENATOR BRUCE CRIPPEN, Minority Whip, appeared before the committee asking them to consider raising the grade of his secretary and the Majority Whip's secretary. He said that although they were not committee secretaries they did do alot of work and deserved more than there present grade 8. The committee discussed which grade would be more agreeable and it was the consensus that a grade 10 would be fair.

SENATOR KOLSTAD MOVED to reconsider action in placing the Majority and Minority secretaries into a grade 8 and that they be put into a grade 10.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SENATOR KOLSTAD MOVED HJR 7 DO PASS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RALPH ERVING, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS informed the committee of the surplus inventor they had on hand. He said that they had a word processor that they do not use that has a book value of \$3,000.

SENATOR MANNING MOVED THAT THE TWO FREIDEN FLEXAMATIC MACHINES GO INTO SURPLUS SALES AND THAT THE MONEY BE GIVEN TO THE SENATE.

RALPH ERVING then stated that they have other inventory such as a Sony recorder and 2 typewriters not listed on the inventory sheet. They also have a IBM correcting selectric. This item was accidentally dropped and they have had it checked out and it would cost more to repair it than it cost.

SENATOR KOLSTAD suggested that they try to deal with the Office supply people in that they credit us with the surplus equipment against our lease cost.


SENATOR MANNING WITHDREW HIS FORMER MOTION.

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SENATOR MANNING MOVED THAT MARGARET BE EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE TO TRADE THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT FOR RENT. In the event there is no value to this equipment it will revert to surplus.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

  
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CHAIRMAN, Chet Blaylock

  
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Leona Williams, Secretary



# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on **LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

having had under consideration **SENATE BILL** No. **65**

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**DESIGNATING LEADERSHIP AND PROVIDING COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION IF  
HOUSES TIED**

Respectfully report as follows: That **SENATE BILL** No. **65**

DO PASS

~~DO NOT PASS~~

**Senator, Chet Blaylock** Chairman.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on..... **LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION** .....

having had under consideration..... **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** ..... No. **7** .....

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## **LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES CLASSIFICATION PAY AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS**

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** ..... No. **7** .....

**BE CONCURRED IN**

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DO NOT PASS

**Senator Chet Blaylock** .....  
Chairman.