

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 12, 1985

The fortieth meeting of the State Administration Committee was called to order by Chairman Jack Haffey, in Room 331, Capitol, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 1985.

ROLL CALL: All the members were present with Senator Mohar arriving late.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 257: Representative Hal Harper, House District 44, Helena, is the sponsor of this bill entitled, "AN ACT REQUIRING THE NAMING AND LABELING OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES." Representative Harper said that this was a bill that was presented before and killed in the last session because it was changed in the House to be too broad and thereby unworkable. Representative Harper said that this was changed on the floor of the House to include other special groups, and to include common employer groups and other special groups "if identifiable" was added by me. Representative Harper said that it is a person's right to know who is talking to them. He told the Committee about the denturists and dentists in the 1984 election using names such as concerned senior citizens, etc., when, in fact, it was made up mostly of denturists. Representative Harper told them about the amendments made on the House floor. He said that enforcement would be through the county attorney, but he did not feel that this would ever have to be enforced because first it would become political and make all the papers, and he felt the PAC's would enforce it themselves.

PROPOSERS: Julie DalSoglio, Mont PIRG, supports this bill. Ms. DalSoglio said that PAC's influence has grown since 1976. Some of Montana's PACs are allowed to exert influence upon ballot issues and contribute money to political candidates while hiding their identities behind ambiguous names and titles. She felt that PACs that either knowingly or unknowingly adopt a name that does not reflect the economic or special interests of its members could end up misleading and influencing votes. Ms. DalSoglio listed several instances where the names of PACs have been misleading. She urged the Committee to pass this bill. (See Exhibit "1".)

Jonathan Motl, Common Cause, supports this bill. Mr. Motl said PACs are a special form of creature. He felt that this is a needed reform in that it follows the reporting requirements for political action committees (PALs). Mr. Motl says this very simply requires that the PAC be named by a name that reflects the special interest of those who fund the PAC. (See Exhibit "2" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.)

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Earl Reilly, member of the Montana Senior Citizens' Association, supports this bill. Mr. Reilly said that he comes before this group as a member of a group that was seriously maligned by just the kind of misinformation and fraud that Representative Harper's bill is designed to stop. Mr. Reilly told about the denturist's initiative I-97 and how there was a group called "Montanans for Seniors against I-97." He said that since the senior citizens were for this initiative, he felt this was misleading. He urged the Committee to support this. (See Exhibit "3" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.)

Margaret Davis, League of Women Voters, supports this bill. Ms. Davis said that just as the political parties accommodate different elements of the population and their platforms reflect shifts in public interests over a period time, so do other membership organizations defy easy categorization. However, in lieu of a long-standing presence or public accessibility, the citizens of Montana deserve to know who the key players in their elections are. For this reason, we strongly endorse HB-257. (See Exhibit "4" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.)

Sam Ryan, Montana Senior Citizens, supports this bill. He believes that PACs should be labled.

Don Judge, AFL-CIO, supports this bill. Mr. Judge said that he believes people have the right to know who backs these PACs. Mr. Judge said that the Montana State AFL-CIO always identifies themselves, and he feels that the others should too. (For more of Mr. Judge's remarks see Exhibit "5" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.)

JoAnne Peterson, Montana Education Association, supports this bill.

Holly Hand, Montana Environmental Center, supports this bill.

Mark Mackin, Citizen's Legislative Coalition, supports this bill. Mr. Mackin felt that people were so busy worrying about who the PACs were representing that they get away from the important issues. He felt the PACs had no right to mislead the people.

Jack Lowe, from the Commissioner of Political Practices' office, supports this bill. He said that they know who is represented by the PACs and that people can find out, but on a statewide basis it is harder to let people know. Mr. Lowe felt that the '84 campaign was a new low.

OPPONENTS: There were no opponents.

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS: Senator Lynch asked who the entity is who decides when the name is not clear enough. Mr. Lowe replied that the Campaign Commissioner would know, but the request would be addressed to your county commissioner. Senator Lynch wanted to know at what point they would let them know if the name were

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not clear enough. Would they wait until after they had expended money on stationery, etc. Mr. Lowe said that he thought this would be a judgment call, but that it would not pose a problem. Mr. Lowe felt that with public pressure and publicity that this will probably not have to be enforced at all. Senator Lynch said one of the examples used was Concerned Parents against the beer and wine initiative. Senator Lynch said you could still be a concerned parent and own a tavern or bar. Mr. Lowe said that he was glad that he didn't have to make that judgment call because he would not like that responsibility. However, he felt that if they were all bar and tavern owners, the name is misleading. Representative Harper told about out of state PACs that use the name Montana to influence the public, and he feels they should have to use names that tell that they are out of state concerns. Senator Haffey explained to the Committee that the PAC, according to the bill, would have to disclose this information during filing.

Representative Harper closed by urging the Committee to pass this bill. HOUSE BILL 257 is closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 257: Senator Manning made a motion that HOUSE BILL 257 be concurred in. Question was called, and the Committee voted unanimously that HOUSE BILL 257 BE CONCURRED IN. (Senator Mohar will carry this to the floor.)

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 337: Representative Joan Miles, House District 45, Helena, is the sponsor of this bill entitled, "AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UPON THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHOSE DEATH WAS KNOWINGLY, PURPOSELY, OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSED BY HIS BENEFICIARY; AMENDING SECTION.., MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE." Representative Miles told the Committee that this bill came about because of a tragedy that happened in Lewis and Clark County. She told about a husband who killed his wife and because he was her beneficiary, nothing has been done to see that the money he was entitled to would go to her next of kin, who would be her children. She said that this bill would see to it that a beneficiary would not profit by wrong doing if he or she is convicted. Ms. Miles said that there are many cases in court that say this, so there is precedence in the law. She said this bill would make it as if the beneficiary had predeceased the victim, and the money would then go to the next of kin. Ms. Miles explained that the bill reads "knowingly, purposefully, and intentionally so that if the murder happens in another state and that person was entitled to PERS money, this would apply.

PROPONENTS: Larry Nachtsheim, Administrator, Public Employees Retirement System, supports this bill. Mr. Nachtsheim said that this had been pretty well explained, but that this would

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permit the board to grant a survivorship allowance to the next of kin in the following order; husband or wife, children, father or mother, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. Currently, the board may only make a single lump sum payment to the individuals listed in this section. A survivorship allowance is normally a much better benefit. He said this bill has no fiscal impact. (See Exhibit "6" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.)

OPPONENTS: There were no opponents.

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS: Senator Mohar asked how the death benefits would be figured if a woman killed her husband. Mr. Nachtsheim told Senator Mohar about the two types of payments; one is lump sum and the other has to do with a minor child and must be put into a trust and that there are laws governing this. He said the other would be entitled to monthly benefits, plus an amount for years of service and this would be lowered according to the age of the child.

Representative Miles closed by saying that she did not know anything about how the payments would be made, but they had nothing to do with the bill. The bill concerns beneficiaries. HOUSE BILL 337 is closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 337: Senator Manning made a motion that HOUSE BILL 337 be concurred in. Question was called, and the Committee voted unanimously that HOUSE BILL 337 BE CONCURRED IN. (Senator Fuller will carry this to the floor.)

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 361: Representative Lloyd McCormick, House District 38, Great Falls, is the sponsor of this bill entitled, "AN ACT PERMITTING A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO DESIGNATE AS HIS BENEFICIARY A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR A TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF A NATURAL LIVING PERSON; AMENDING SECTION ..., MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE." Representative McCormick said that this is a very simple bill that allows people to leave their money to charitable organizations or trusts.

PROPOSERS: Larry Nachtsheim, Administrator, Public Employees Retirement System, supports this bill. He said the purpose of this bill is to permit a PERS member to designate a beneficiary other than a living person. In addition to a living person, a member may designate a charitable organization or a trust for a natural living person. (See Exhibit "7" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.)

OPPONENTS: There were no opponents.


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COMMITTEE QUESTIONS: There were no committee questions.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 361: Senator Conover made a motion that HOUSE BILL 361 be concurred in. Question was called and the Committee voted unanimously that HOUSE BILL 361 BE CONCURRED IN. (Senator Manning will carry this to the floor of the Senate.)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 227: Senator Hirsch asked if there were any amendments to this bill. Senator Haffey replied that he had received none. Senator Hirsch made a motion that HOUSE BILL 227 be concurred in. Senator Hirsch said that he felt we needed this bill. He said although it doesn't bother him to have people ask him how he voted, he has had senior citizens contact him saying that this really bothers them, and he feels that it intimidates other people. Senator Harding agreed with Senator Hirsch. She said that she had had a lot of people call her and say that because of the polls they weren't going to vote. Senator Lynch said that he didn't feel that this bill would address the problem that he has had calls regarding, which is the people with the petitions wanting your signature, at the polling places. However, he felt this bill was okay as far as it went. Senator Manning said he was going to vote for the bill. Senator Haffey said that this bill will discourage exit polling and he felt that it wouldn't solve all of the problems, but he was going to support it. Question was called, and the Committee voted unanimously that HOUSE BILL 227 BE CONCURRED IN. (Senator Tveit will carry this to the floor of the Senate.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



SENATOR JACK HAFFEY CHAIRMAN

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State Administration

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Wangman Stans	LWV MT	HB 257	X	
Larry Nachbaur	PERD. Nelson	HB 361 337	X X	
Don Judge	MT STATE AFL-CIO	HB 257	X	
Ed Sheehy	Retired Teacher/Employee Idea	HB 257	X	
Sam Bryan	M.S.C.A.	HB 257	X	
EARL KEILLY	M.S.C.A.	257	X	
Julie Halloglio	Mont PIRG	257	X	
John Wolf	Commonwealth	257	X	
Holly Hand	Montana SIC	257	X	
M. and MACKIN	Citizen's Legislative Coalition	257	X	
Sybil Jeschke	MT citizen	257	X	

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretariat)



Exhibit "1"
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON

STATE ADMINISTRATION OF THE

MONTANA SENATE

MARCH 12, 1985

GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS JULIE DALSOGLIO AND I AM A LOBBYIST FOR THE MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (MONTPIRG), A NON-PROFIT, NON-PARTISAN RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FUNDED AND DIRECTED BY UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA STUDENTS. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 257, "AN ACT REQUIRING THE NAMING AND LABELING OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES."

THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF MONTANA'S POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES HAVE GROWN CONSIDERABLE SINCE THEY FIRST BECAME ACTIVE IN MONTANA POLITICS IN 1976. SOME OF MONTANA'S PACS ARE ALLOWED TO EXERT INFLUENCE UPON BALLOT ISSUES AND CONTRIBUTE MONEY TO POLITICAL CANDIDATES WHILE HIDING THEIR IDENTITIES BEHIND AMBIGUOUS NAMES AND TTLES. THE PACS THAT EITHER KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY ADOPT A NAME THAT DOES NOT REFLECT THE ECONOMIC OR SPECIAL INTERESTS OF ITS MEMBERS COULD END UP MISLEADING AND INFLUENCING VOTES. THE NAME OF A PAC IS IMPORTANT SINCE IT IS OFTEN THE ONLY INFORMATION A VOTER RECEIVES CONCERNING A PAC THAT SPONSORS A TV OR NEWSPAPER AD OR IS LISTED AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO A CAMPAIGN. FOR EXAMPLE, PAC NAMES SUCH AS CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, MONTPAC, AND THE POLITICAL ACTION LEAGUE PROVIDE NO INDICATION TO THE GENERAL VOTING PUBLIC AS TO THEIR SPECIAL INTERESTS OR COMMON EMPLOYER. VOTERS WOULD BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF THESE PACS IF THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE MONTANA POWER EMPLOYEES CO., MONTANA LIFE UNDERWRITERS, AND BAR, RESTAURANT, AND TAVERN OWNERS PACs.

MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP
NAMING AND LABELING OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES
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MONTPIRG RESEARCHERS COMPLETED AN ANALYSIS OF THE MONTANA PAC FILES AT THE OFFICE OF POLITICAL PRACTICES AND THEY STUDIED 90 DIFFERENT PACS. MONTPIRG FOUND THAT SEVERAL OF THESE PACS HAD MISLEADING NAMES. ATTACHED TO MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY IS A SAMPLE LIST OF MONTANA PACS AND THEIR LABELS. ONE OF THE MOST GLARING EXAMPLES OF PAC MISLABELING DURING THE 1984 CAMPAIGN WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE PROPOSERS AND THE OPPOSERS TO INITIATIVE 97, THE DENTURIST ACT.

MONTPIRG'S SURVEY OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES INDICATES THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE MISLABELING OF SOME PACS IN MONTANA. MONTPIRG BELIEVES THAT HOUSE BILL 257 WOULD HELP TO REMEDY THE PROBLEM OF MISINFORMATION DISTRIBUTED TO THE GENERAL VOTING PUBLIC.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR YOUR TIME.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES NAMING AND LABELING

LEGISLATIVE RACES*

PRESENT NAME	ECONOMIC OR SPECIAL INTEREST	COMMON EMPLOYER	SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE NAME
BANKPAC	BANKING	N/A	N/A
BURLINGTON NORTHERN EMPLOYEES VOLUNTARY GOOD GOVERNMENT FUND	N/A	BURLINGTON NORTHERN	N/A
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT	UTILITIES	MONTANA POWER CO.	MONTANA POWER PAC
CREDIT UNION PAC (CU PAC)	LOANS/ INSURANCE	N/A	N/A
BILLINGS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PAC	TEACHERS/ SCHOOLS	N/A	N/A
INDEPENDENT BUSINESSMEN'S PAC	SMALL BUSINESS	N/A	N/A
MONTPAC	LIFE INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS	N/A	LIFE UNDERWRITERS PAC
MONTANA EMPLOYEES OF MOUNTAIN BELL PAC	PHONE UTILITIES	MOUNTAIN BELL	N/A
MONTANA REALTORS PAC	REAL ESTATE	N/A	N/A
MONTANA RESOURCES PAC	OIL INTERESTS	N/A	MONTANA OIL AND LAND PAC
PROFESSIONALS PAC	ENGINEERS	N/A	ENGINEERS PAC

*PARTIAL LIST ONLY FOR 1984 ELECTION CYCLE

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES NAMING AND LABELING

BALLOT INITIATIVE CAMPAIGNS*

PRESENT NAME	ECONOMIC OR SPECIAL INTEREST	COMMON EMPLOYER	SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE NAME
MONTANANS FOR A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET	N/A	N/A	N/A
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE DRINKING	N/A	N/A	N/A
MONTANANS FOR FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN DENTALCARE	DENTURISTS	N/A	DENTURISTS FOR CHOICE IN DENTAL CARE
COMMITTEE TO SAVE MONTANA'S MILK INDUSTRY	DAIRY PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS	N/A	DAIRY PRO- DUCERS TO SAVE MONTANA MILK INDUSTR
JEFFERSON ALLIANCE	N/A	N/A	N/A
MONTANA INITIATIVE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE	N/A	N/A	N/A
CITIZENS AGAINST 1-97	DENTISTS	N/A	DENTISTS AGAINST 1-97
MONTANANS FOR GOOD HEALTH	DENTISTS	N/A	DENTISTS AGAINST 1-97
MONTANANS FOR SENIORS AGAINST 1-97	DENTISTS	N/A	DENTISTS AGAINST 1-97
MISSOULA DENTAL LABORATORIES ASSOC.	DENTISTS	N/A	N/A
4TH DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY PAC	DENTISTS	N/A	N/A

*PARTIAL LIST ONLY FOR 1984 ELECTION CYCLE

**A WOLF IN
SHEEP'S CLOTHING
IS STALKING YOU...**

**INITIATIVE 97:
WHAT THEY DON'T
KNOW CAN
HURT YOU!**

**—VOTE—
NO ON 97**

97

LOOK AT THE FACTS

**INITIATIVE 97 HAS TO DO
WITH MORE THAN
JUST FALSE TEETH!**

NO EDUCATION????

A two week extension course does not educate anyone to medically treat people. Don't let unskilled, untrained, and uneducated people work in your body.

VOTE NO 97

NO EDUCATION FOR RADIATION...

Denturists want to be allowed to inject radioactive material into your body. They want to be excluded from state and national standards. Don't change radiation standards.

VOTE NO 97

VOTE NO TO ANOTHER BUREACRACY...

Initiative 97 proposes another state board. When has bureaucracy not cost you tax dollars?

VOTE NO 97

VOTE AGAINST THE LOSS OF MONTANA JOBS...

The president of Montana Dental Laboratory Association says that over 70 Montana dental technicians will lose their jobs and their businesses will be destroyed.

VOTE NO 97

AN EDITORIAL IN THE MISSOULIAN WRITTEN BY SAM REYNOLDS DESCRIBES THE INITIATIVE: "INITIATIVE 97, A REAL WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING. INITIATIVE 97 SHOULD BE REJECTED BY MONTANA VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 6." INITIATIVE 97 IS A BAD INITIATIVE.

USE YOUR CHOICE!

VOTE AGAINST INITIATIVE 97

DEFEAT

Initiative 97!

DEFEAT

a Bad Initiative!

DEFEAT . . .

- **Substandard Educational Standards**

A two-week workshop does not qualify a dentist to diagnose oral health problems.

- **Separate and Unknown Radiation Standards**

Don't let uneducated, untrained people prescribe the INJECTION OF RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES INTO PEOPLE!

- **More Bureaucracy**

Montana doesn't need another state board to burden taxpayers.!

- **An Initiative Which Will Cost Montanans Their Jobs**

70 Montana jobs will be lost to out-of-state interests.

- **Out-of-State Interests Dictating Montana Law**

If you don't **KNOW**, Please Vote **NO**
VOTE NO—97

Exhibit "2"
HB-257

NAME: Matthew Hoch DATE: 3/12/85

ADDRESS: 1404 1/2 8th Ave Helena

PHONE: 443-4807

REPRESENTING WHOM? Common Cause

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB257

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

Common Cause supports HB257 as a needed reform
in that it bolsters the reporting requirements for political action
committees. (PACs) Common Cause supports that the PAC be limited to
that protect the special interest of those who fund the PAC.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

Testimony Before the State Administration Committee

of the Montana Senate

March 12, 1985

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. For the record my name is Earl Reilly and I am a member of the Montana Senior Citizens' Association. I am here to speak in support of House Bill 257.

As a senior citizen, I come before you today as a member of a group of Montanans who have recently been seriously maligned by just the kind of misinformation and fraud that Representative Harper's Bill is designed to stop. I am referring, of course, to the many media statements during the fall of 1984 by a PAC which called itself "Montanans for Seniors Against I-97." As you may have learned from the testimony of others here today, this PAC had no involvement with any seniors group whatsoever. In fact, since the seniors in this state were one of the driving forces in support of the so-called Denturist Initiative, one might surmise that the name given to this dentist-supported PAC represented a deliberate effort to mislead the voters of Montana.

I believe that House Bill 257 could be effective in preventing the kind of abuse we say involved in this particular ballot issue. On behalf of at least one group of Montanans who could have used a law like this one last year, I urge you to support it.

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Exhibit "4"
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League of Women Voters of Montana
Senate committee Hearing

1985

HB 257 - An act requiring the naming
and labeling of political committees.

The League of Women Voters of Montana supports HB 257.

This bill as written meets an important public need for information about political committees - especially those committees that are active on ballot issues.

Ad hoc groups with creative names crop up in every election that features a hotly contested ballot measure. Often these committees have significant financial resources that can be readily identified as to economic interest.

The League is a non-partisan organization that does not support or endorse candidates; however, it does on occasion work on ballot issues. These may be local bond issues for community facilities or they may be statewide measures (such as the 1972 constitution). In any case we would act under our own name and without cloaking our identity with a catchy title. As a broad-based, multi-issue group, the League like many other long-established organizations welcomes public visibility and inquiry.

Just as the political parties accomodate different elements of the population and their platforms reflect shifts in public interests over a period of time, so do other membership organizations defy easy categorization. However, in lieu of a long-standing presence or public accessibility, the citizens of Montana deserve to know who the key players in their elections are.

For this reason we strongly endorse HB 257. The public is the consumer of political committee products, particularly advertising in every media. It is only fair and logical that they know the "who" and "why" behind these political activities.

The League asks that HB 257 receive a strong "Do Pass" recommendation from this committee.

Testimony prepared by Margaret S. Davis
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NAME: Ron Judge DATE: 3-12-85

ADDRESS: Helena

PHONE: 442-1708

REPRESENTING WHOM? Montana State AFL-CIO

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 257

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: The Montana State AFL-CIO believes firmly in the
public's right to know who is paying to influence Montana's
elections. When we communicate internally with our membership,
we identify our materials as being paid for and produced by "Montana
State AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education (COPE)". When we
contribute to instate political candidates, we identify ourselves as
the "Montana State AFL-CIO Special Legislation Fund."

We're not alarmed by disclosing our organization's name, in fact,
those candidates which we support generally wish our name
to be prominent for ^{public} view. Those who do not wish to
expose our support to the public can simply refuse to accept
our contributions. SB 257 is a good bill for
the public and for responsible PAC's. We don't fear it nor do
PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.
We believe ~~any~~ any pac should.

We encourage you to give HB 257 a "do pass" recommendation.

Exhibit "6"
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HOUSE BILL NO. 337

DEATH BENEFIT IN CASE OF A BENEFICIARY BEING CONVICTED OF CAUSING THE INTENTIONAL DEATH OF A MEMBER.

The purpose of this bill is outlined in the title and section 1. It would permit the Public Employees' Retirement Board to withhold benefits from a beneficiary convicted on intentionally causing a member's death.

It would permit the board to grant a survivorship allowance to the next of kin in the following order (19-3-1302):

- (a) husband or wife
- (b) children
- (c) father or mother
- (d) grandchildren
- (e) brothers and sisters
- (f) nieces and nephews

Currently the board may only make a single lump sum payment to the individuals listed in this section. A survivorship allowance is normally a much better benefit.

Section 2 of the bill makes some technical changes that are required to carry out the intentions of section 1.

While the Public Employees' Retirement Board has requested this bill, it is their sincere hope that the provisions will never be needed. The bill has no fiscal impact upon the system.

Larry Mackelheim

Exhibit "7"
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HOUSE BILL NO. 361

AN ACT PROVIDING A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO DESIGNATE AS A BENEFICIARY, A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR A TRUST.

The purpose of this bill is to permit a PERS member to designate a beneficiary other than a living person. In addition to a living person, a member may designate a charitable organization or a trust for a natural living person.

The bill has no actual cost to the retirement system and the board asks your support for this bill.

Laury Nachtsheim

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

STATE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on

having had under consideration..... HOUSE BILL No. 257

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REQUIRING NAMING AND LABELING OF POLITICAL COMMITTEES

Respectfully report as follows: That..... HOUSE BILL No. 257

BE CONCURRED IN

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Chairman.

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on STATE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration HOUSE BILL No. 337

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(Senator Fuller will carry)

**PAYMENT OF BENEFITS UPON DEATH OF PERS MEMBER KILLED BY HIS
BENEFICIARY**

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE BILL No. 337

BE CONCURRED IN

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Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on **STATE ADMINISTRATION**

having had under consideration..... **HOUSE BILL** No. **361**

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(Senator Manning will carry)

**ALLOW PERS MEMBER TO NAME CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION OR TRUST AS
BENEFICIARY**

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE BILL** No. **361**

BE CONCURRED IN

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Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on STATE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration..... HOUSE BILL No. 227

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(Senator Tveit will carry)

NO SOLICITATION OF INFO. WITHIN POLLING PLACE AS TO HOW ELECTOR
VOTED

Respectfully report as follows: That..... HOUSE BILL.... No. 227.....

BE CONCURRED IN

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Chairman.