MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 11, 1985

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order at 12:30 p.m. on April 11, 1985 by Chairman Dave Fuller in Room 405 of the Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: Senators Crippen and McCallum were excused. All other members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 108: Representative Cal Winslow, District #89, is the sponsor of this bill. The bill was introduced to increase the amount paid to a county by the United States or the State of Montana to hold a prisoner committed to a county jail by the United States or the Montana Highway Patrol.

PROPONENTS

Gordon Morris, representing the Montana Association of Counties, spoke in favor of the bill. He said the bill originally increased the amount to be paid to a county to thirty dollars a day, but was amended down to twenty dollars a day. He distributed a handout with estimated costs per day of keeping prisoners by county. It is attached as Exhibit A to these minutes.

OPPONENTS

There were no opponents to House Bill 108.

Chairman Fuller opened the hearing for Committee questions.

Senator Regan asked why the cost in Broadwater County was so high compared to other counties. Mr. Morris said they had included many things in their estimate that the other counties did not include, such as electricity and water costs.

Senator Pinsoneault asked if the phrase "as may be agreed to" meant that the county would have to negotiate a price with the U.S. Government on each prisoner. Mr. Morris said no. The county negotiates annual fixed contract amounts with the government.

Senator Pinsoneault asked how many prisoners per year this was referring to. Mr. Morris said there were approximately forty nine hundred prisoners per year.
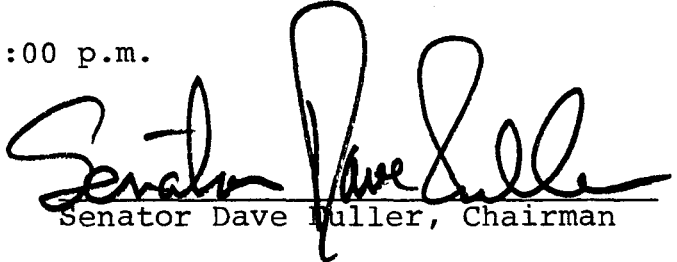
Senator Fuller asked what the date was that was used for the figures in Mr. Morris's handout. Mr. Morris said the study was conducted last fall.

The hearing was closed on House Bill 108.

ACTION TAKEN ON HOUSE BILL 108:   Senator Regan moved that
House Bill 108 BE CONCURRED IN.   The motion passed unanimously.
Senator Eck will carry the bill.

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

Senator Dave Fuller, Chairman

LOCAL GOVERNMENT   COMMITTEE

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SENATE
SEAT
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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Senator Crippen, Bruce			✓
Senator Eck, Dorothy	✓		
Senator Harding, Ethel	✓		
Senator Hirsch, Les	✓		
Senator McCallum, George			✓
Senator Mohar, John (V.Chair)	✓		
Senator Pinsoneault, Dick	✓		
Senator Regan, Pat	✓		
Senator Story, Pete	✓		
Senator Fuller, Dave (Chair)	✓		

Seat numbers (left column): 13, 18, 11, 47, 4, 28, 44, 19, 21, 43

Each day attach to minutes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on .... LOCAL GOVERNMENT ....

having had under consideration .... HOUSE BILL .... No. 108 ....

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RAISE COST TO U.S. AND MONTANA OF THEIR PLACING
PERSONS IN COUNTY JAIL

Respectfully report as follows: That .... HOUSE BILL .... No. 108 ....

BE CONCURRED IN

~~DO PASS~~

~~BE NOT CONCURRED IN~~

....
Senator Dave Fuller   Chairman.

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HOUSE BILL 108

PRISONER EXPENSE

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

COUNTY	ESTIMATED COST PER PRISONER/PER DAY
BEAVERHEAD *	$ 53.02
BEAVERHEAD **	34.32
BROADWATER *	116.27
CASCADE **	28.75
CHOUTEAU *	83.13
CUSTER *	42.19
DEER LODGE *	58.81
GALLATIN *	79.37
GALLATIN **	42.65
LEWIS & CLARK **	35.19
MISSOULA **	25.57
SILVER BOW *	39.43
TOOLE *	67.14
VALLEY *	83.99
YELLOWSTONE *	25.93

*Mountain International Social, Economic, Management Consultants, Helena

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COMMITTEE ON _LOCAL GOVT_

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
D. Morris	MACo	HB108	✓	

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)