

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 24, 1985

The meeting of the Legislative Administration Committee was called to order by Chairman Senator Chet Blaylock at 5:33 p.m. on April 24, 1985 in room 331 of the State Capitol in Helena, Montana.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Committee were present. Others present were Ralph Erving, Sergeant-at-Arms; Bonnie Wallem, Secretary of the Senate and Margaret Regan, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

The meeting was held in order to consider Senate Resolution No. 5 and answer to other problems that might exist from the Sergeants' office.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5: A Resolution of the Senate of the State of Montana indicating the desire of the Senate to retain the Old Supreme Court Chamber as a Senate Hearing Room.

Senator Blaylock introduced the Resolution by saying that there has been talk that if the House took the Supreme Court they would take the offices surrounding it. Some Senators said it would be a good idea to take the old Law Library and turn it over to the House. Senator Blaylock said that he felt that they should let it be known that we want to keep the old Supreme Court and the surrounding offices.

Senator Manning MOVED the Resolution.

There was further discussion. Senator Kolstad stated that this will preclude from getting the old law library. We will not get both. Senator Mazurek remarked that they are getting in a crunch for committee space.

QUESTION WAS CALLED. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Blaylock addressed the problem of the typewriters in the Senate. He said that they were all old and it was necessary to call the repairman continually. There are some that have even brought their own typewriters up to the Capitol this time and that should not be necessary. He said that we are going to have to get new typewriters. The question is whether to rent or lease.

Senator Blaylock remarked that renting the machines would eliminate the problem of paying for repairs. They will maintain them and we will always have up-to-date equipment.

Margaret Regan, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, addressed the situation and said, being that we only need this equipment for a few months out of every two years or in case of special sessions, it would be cheaper to lease. She said that she was trying to get more information.

Senator McCallum asked how many we would need. Margaret replied that we own 32. There are 13 for secretaries. It would be productive and worthwhile for the committee secretaries to all have memory typewriters and almost impossible for them to share one.

Senator Mazurik stated, it seems if they started early enough they could solicit the typewriters. Senator McCallum said they could have someone come in and do an appraisal on the typewriters and possibly allow us credit on our lease agreement.

Bonnie Wallem, Secretary of the Senate, suggested that this responsibility could be transferred to the Legislative Council to investigate. Margaret Regan said that April and May is when most departments purchase equipment. It has to be coordinated through the Information Service.

Senator Blaylock suggested this be put into the works so that in a year and three-quarters, the council will know whether we will rent or buy these machines.

Senator Kolstad suggested that after an appraisal it might be possible for the Senators or staff to purchase these machines; but it was the consensus of the committee that it would not be a wise idea.

SENATOR McCallum MOVED that the Council be given the authority to investigate the leasing of the typewriters as well as getting the appraisal on the present, old machines.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator McCallum told the committee that the Taxation Committee is asking that a window be put into the committee room that is shown as numbers 413 and 415. It was suggested the proposal be turned over to the Capitol Building and Planning Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

  
Chairman, Senator Chet Blaylock

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# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

having had under consideration SENATE RESOLUTION No. 5

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**DESIRE OF THE SENATE TO RETAIN THE OLD SUPREME COURT CHAMBER  
AS A SENATE HEARING ROOM**

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE RESOLUTION No. 5

**BE ADOPTED**

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*Chas. B. Laylock*

Chairman.