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The meeting of the joint subcommittee on Education was called to order by Chairman Donaldson at 11:11 a.m. on Monday, June 16, 1986, in room 312-2 of the Capitol.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Donaldson noted that all members were in attendance except Rep. Moore who was excused for a rules committee meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to take action on corrections regarding the reduction for the administration in OPI and the reduction for post-secondary vocational educational centers. It was also necessary to take action on all motions that had been passed from Tuesday through Friday as they had been declared invalid since the legislature was not officially in session.

Jane Hamman from the LFA office handed out EXHIBIT #1, corrections and clarification requiring subcommittee action.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Sen. Haffey, (6-1-A 1:30) moved that item No. 1 be corrected to read that the amount voted on regarding OPI administration reduction of \$46,240, should be changed to the correct amount of \$50,130. The question was called, motion CARRIED unanimously.

Sen. Haffey then stated that where the committee had reduced the general fund for the post secondary vo-tech centers by \$241,564, that figure included the pay plan which wasn't the intention of the committee nor was it consistent with the action taken for other agencies. He, therefore, moved that they correct the figure from \$241,564 to \$224,464, which takes the pay plan effect out of the motion. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Chairman Donaldson stated then that there could be another correction that deals with the allocation of the general fund reduction to the vo-tech centers. He asked Pam Joehler of the LFA office to review that.

Pam Joehler stated that at the time the motion was made last Friday she understood it was the committee's intention that each post-secondary vo-tech center be reduced by 5% reduction of the general fund. However, after the committee adjourned there was some discussion as to whether that was the right way to do it.

She referred to page 2 of EXHIBIT #1 and explained that she had laid out OPTION B to make the reduction to the general fund based on the percentage of the vo-tech centers total budget to the system-wide total budget. The result being that it is not a 5% general fund reduction for each center, that varies, which is the last column on the right hand side. of TABLE 2. She stated it is an overall 5% general fund reduction, but within each center it varies from 4.3% to 6%. She said she needs the committee to clarify if they want to take 5% from the general fund from each center (OPTION A) or have it allocated as it shows in OPTION B.

Chairman Donaldson stated the problem is that when you make up the total budget of each center there is a difference, because the percentage of the general fund varies because the millage from each county is different. He said they do need to direct the staff which way to go.

Sen. Jacobson stated that OPTION B was not consistent with the way they had handled the community colleges and the university system, they had gone unit by unit, 5% by 5% and this would deviate from that.

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

Rep. Hand moved that the committee accept OPTION B. Rep. Peck made a substitute motion to adopt OPTION A instead of B. The question was called, motion CARRIED unanimously.

Sen. Hammond (6-1-A 7:38) moved that previous motions that have been passed in this committee be now declared passed by the same percentage, or the same vote on this date at this hour. Chairman Donaldson called for discussion on the motion. Rep. Hand inquired whether the committee wished to review some possible changes in the Deaf and Blind School at this time. Sen. Hammond stated they were going to have time to look at those things many times before they are completed. Chairman Donaldson said there were a couple of issues he would like to address at some future time but this will let this portion of the budget go into the process. The question was called, motion CARRIED unanimously with Rep. Moore excused.

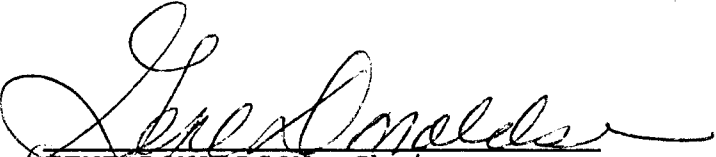
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Rep. Peck then brought up another point. He said there had been some statements that there is a difference between the Montana and the federal special education law and that Montana's exceeds the federal law. He said he would like to request some information from OPI, Judy Johnson specifically, on that comparison. If we are exceeding these special education requirements they should take note of it and try to determine what it is costing and see if they can relieve some burdens on the local schools by looking at that. Chairman Donaldson said that was an excellent point and it should be done.

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. until the call of the chair.



GENE DONALDSON, Chairman

A

CALCULATION OF GF REDUCTION AT VOTECH CENTERS TAKING 5% GENERAL FUND REDUCTION
AT EACH VOTECH CENTER

Center	General Fund Approp FY 87	5%	Total Budget	% of Budget
Billings	\$796,177	\$39,809	\$1,756,335	2.3%
Butte	\$766,474	\$38,324	\$1,368,915	2.8%
Gt Falls	\$776,857	\$38,843	\$1,464,817	2.7%
Helena	\$1,288,488	\$64,424	\$2,130,895	3.0%
Missoula	\$861,282	\$43,064	\$1,988,869	2.2%
System	\$4,489,278	\$224,464	\$8,709,831	2.6%

B

CALCULATION OF 5% GF REDUCTION AT VOTECH CENTERS PRORATED TO EACH CENTER BASED ON
PERCENT OF CENTER BUDGET TO TOTAL SYSTEM BUDGET

Center	Total Budget	General Fund Reduction	% of Budget	% GF Reduction
Billings	\$1,756,335	\$45,263	2.6%	-5.7%
Butte	\$1,368,915	\$35,279	2.6%	-4.6%
Gt Falls	\$1,464,817	\$37,750	2.6%	-4.9%
Helena	\$2,130,895	\$54,916	2.6%	-4.3%
Missoula	\$1,988,869	\$51,256	2.6%	-6.0%
System	\$8,709,831	\$224,464	2.6%	-5.0%

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATION REQUIRING SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION
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1. The subcommittee approved a 2 percent reduction to the Office of Public Instruction's state administration budget for fiscal 1987. The amount voted upon, \$46,240, was the fiscal 1986 2 percent reduction. The correct amount for fiscal 1987 is \$50,130.

ACTION REQUIRED: Determine if the subcommittee's intent was to reduce the agency's fiscal 1987 general fund appropriation by 2 percent or the specific dollar amount.

2. The subcommittee approved a 5 percent general fund reduction for the postsecondary vocational technical centers for fiscal 1987. The amount voted upon, \$241,564, was the fiscal 1987 general fund appropriation including the pay plan. This is inconsistent with the subcommittee's action for all other agencies. The correct amount of the reduction is \$224,464.

ACTION REQUIRED: Enter subcommittee's approval for the correct amount into the record.

3. The allocation of the general fund reduction to the vo-tech centers needs clarification. Following the subcommittee hearing on Friday, the chairman requested that the reduction allocation be calculated in two ways and brought to the committee for clarification today. The options for subcommittee consideration are attached.