

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
49th LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION III  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 17, 1986

The meeting of the State Administration Committee was called to order by Chairman Sales on June 17, 1986, at 10 a.m. in Room 317 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present. Rep. Veleber has been assigned to the Committee to replace Rep. Fritz who has been assigned to the Appropriations Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3: Rep. Bob Ellerd, House District #77, Gallatin County, presented HB 3 to the Committee and explained the purpose of the bill. He said that in the 1985 Legislative Session the legislators were increased from a Grade 8 to a Grade 10. He felt that in light of the problems present in the state at this time it would be appropriate to reduce the Grade 10 back to the Grade 8. The deficit is now predicted to be in the neighborhood of \$100 million. He asked Lois Menzies, the Staff Researcher from the Legislative Council, to explain the pay presently, the pay in January, 1987 as acted upon last session and the pay if this bill should pass the Legislature.

Lois Menzies, Legislative Council, stated that the pay at the present time is \$51.17 per day; in January, 1987 under the increase from Grade 8 to Grade 10, the pay would be \$65.40; the pay with passage of this bill would be \$57.44. She also explained that the pay matrix increases for FY87 so there will be an increase any rate.

There being no proponents and no opponents the Chairman called for questions from the Committee members.

DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3: Rep. O'Connell stated to the Committee that she was opposed to the employees' pay freeze so she could not vote "yes" on this piece of legislation. She said she was willing to take the cut in pay but will vote "no" for the reason stated.

Rep. Cody asked if the pay freeze is adopted how that would affect this bill. Chairman Sales said he did not know how that bill was written but assumed it would be similar. Rep. Harbin assumed the matrix would be frozen if they freeze the pay plan. Rep. Ellerd told the Committee that the Legislature has the right to set the pay anywhere they wish. He would rather keep the pay at the present rate of \$51.17 per day, but it could be set at \$10, \$20, etc.

Rep. Cody asked Rep. Ellerd how much savings this would generate. He replied that it would be \$140-\$150,000 but he said he had no objection to the Committee lowering the pay even more.

Rep. Moore told the Committee members that she had gone to the Champion International plant every day before election and their mood had made a 180° turnaround. She did not feel that the Legislature could not, in good conscience, not take a cut in pay themselves.

Rep. Garcia did not think the legislators should take a 12% cut when they were asking the state employees to take a 5% cut and felt that was unfair. He said that he could not afford to be in Helena at the present rate of pay. He said it was a reelection bill for those who vote for it.

Rep. Nelson brought up the fact that there are other pay bills that have been introduced and wondered if the Committee shouldn't hold off on taking any action until those other bills have been heard in Committee.

There being no further questions from the Committee, Rep. Ellerd closed, asked that the Committee give the bill a Do Pass.

EXECUTIVE ACTION:

Rep. Jenkins said that he would be happy to have had his farm income frozen at what it had been two years ago and felt that the legislators should set the example. Therefore, Rep. Jenkins MOVED that HB 3 DO PASS, seconded by Janet Moore.

Rep. Pistoria didn't want to take action on the bill at this time as there were other bills regarding pay scales introduced.

Rep. Nelson made the SUBSTITUTE MOTION to table HB 3 pending hearings on the other bills that have been introduced pertaining to the same subject, seconded by Rep. Harbin.

Rep. Phillips did not think the Committee should delay acting on HB 3 and felt it should go to the floor by discussion by the entire body of the House.

Several of the Committee members felt that the pay scale at the present time was sufficient. Rep. Moore said that her complaint was that there was no money during the interim for telephone bills, etc. Rep. Jenkins said he would like to see all the bills get to the floor of the House.

The question being called for on the substitute motion, the MOTION FAILED on a TIE VOTE of 9-9. (See Roll Call Vote attached)

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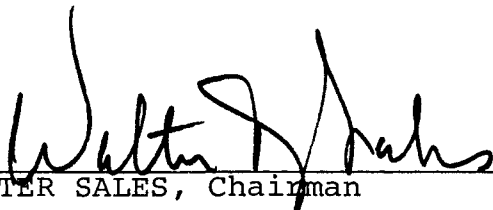
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Rep. Cody asked if it would be proper to make an amendment to the bill at the present time. Chairman Sales ruled that it would be proper. She MOVED TO AMEND HB 3 page 2, line 10 by striking "three" and inserting "one", seconded by Rep. Janet Moore. Following a discussion concerning the round trips home, a roll call vote was taken. The motion FAILED 11-6 vote with Rep. Harbin abstaining. He said he abstained from voting because he did not plan to return to the next Session.

The question being called for on the original motion, DO PASS, the MOTION PASSED on a 12-6 vote.

Chairman Sales informed the Committee that they would meet on Wednesday morning, June 18, 1986 at 10 a.m. to consider HB 13.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

  
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WALTER SALES, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date June 17, 1986

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SALES, Chairman	X		
O'CONNELL	X		
CAMPBELL	X		
CODY	X		
COMPTON	X		
VELEBER	X		
GARCIA	X		
HARBIN	X		
HAYNE	X		
HOLLIDAY	X		
JENKINS	X		
KENNERLY	X		
MOORE	X		
NELSON	X		
PETERSON	X		
PHILLIPS	X		
PISTORIA	X		
SMITH	X		

ROLL CALL VOTE

STATE ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

DATE 6-12-86 BILL NO. HB3 NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	AYE	NAY
SALES		X
O'CONNELL	X	
CAMPBELL		X
CODY	X	
COMPTON		X
VELEBER	X	
GARCIA	X	
HARBIN	X	
HAYNE		X
HOLLIDAY		X
JENKINS		X
KENNERLY	X	
MOORE		X
NELSON	X	
PETERSON	X	
PHILLIPS		X
PISTORIA	X	
SMITH		X

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L. Sullivan  
Secretary

Walter Sales  
Chairman

MOTION: Substitute motion by Rep. Nelson to table HB 3 pending  
hearing any other bills pertaining to the same subject

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ROLL CALL VOTE

STATE ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE

DATE 6-12-86 BILL NO. HB 3 NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	AYE	NAY
SALES	X	
O'CONNELL		X
CAMPBELL	X	
CODY	X	
COMPTON	X	
VELEBER		X
GARCIA		X
HARBIN	Abstained	
HAYNE		X
HOLLIDAY		X
JENKINS	X	
KENNERLY		X
MOORE	X	
NELSON		X
PETERSON		X
PHILLIPS		X
PISTORIA		X
SMITH		X

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L. Sullivan  
Secretary

Walter Sales  
Chairman

MOTION: Rep. Cody moved to amend HB 3 on line 10, page 2  
by striking "three" and inserting "one".

ROLL CALL VOTE

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COMMITTEE

DATE 6-12-86 BILL NO. HB-3 NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	AYE	NAY
SALES	X	
O'CONNELL		X
CAMPBELL	X	
CODY	X	
COMPTON	X	
VELEBER		X
GARCIA		X
HARBIN	X	
HAYNE	X	
HOLLIDAY	X	
JENKINS	X	
KENNERLY		X
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PHILLIPS	X	
PISTORIA		X
SMITH	X	

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Walter Sales  
Chairman

MOTION: Rep. Jenkins moved that HB 3 DO PASS, seconded by  
Rep. Janet Moore.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on STATE ADMINISTRATION

report HOUSE BILL NO. 3

do pass  
 do not pass

be concurred in  
 be not concurred in

as amended  
 statement of intent attached

Walter Sales,

Chairman

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