

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
50TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The meeting of the Appropriations Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Thoft on February 2, 1987, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present except Rep. Winslow and Bardanouve who were excused and Rep. Donaldson who was excused but arrived late. Reps. Nathe, Peck, and Spaeth were absent. Also attending the meeting were Judy Rippingale, LFA and Denise Thompson, secretary.

(16:A:0.59)

HB 3 (Budget Amendment Bill)

Mr. Tom Crosser, Office of Budget and Program Planning gave a presentation of the proposed budget amendments (Exhibit 1).

He referred to the teachers retirement program having a \$15,839 appropriations. In House Bill 3 this is listed as a non-expendable trust amount, it should be an expendable trust.

Rep. Bradley stated she had an amendment to the bill regarding the rehabilitation services and the federal special would be \$150,000. Rep. Thoft as if she had an amendment prepared and Rep. Bradley gave her information to Rep. Thoft.

Rep. Bardanouve moved the amendment be accepted. Rep. Quilici called the question. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Rep. Devlin asked if the emergency shelter program was a new program.

Mr. Lee Tickell, Administrator of Economic Assistance Division, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services stated yes it was. It is a new program. The Housing and Urban Development started under an appropriation of about \$10 million. It was intended to rehabilitate up to three shelters for the homeless.

Rep. Devlin asked about developing the DRG. Mr. Tickell stated they have already spent about \$131,000 for development of the DRG system. Some of the enhancements

that needed to be done to meet some of the needs of the legislators and the department in terms of program monitoring is going to require the additional funds. This is 90 percent federal, 10 percent state funds and they made some other cuts to make up the 10 percent state money. He stated that they forwent some other enhancements that they thought were necessary because they felt the DRG was a higher priority.

Rep. Rehberg presented an amendment to the bill (Exhibit 2). This would allow for workers' compensation court termination pay in case the department was abolished.

Rep. Rehberg asked Mr. Tickell where they took that 10 percent out for the federal match regarding the DRG. Mr. Tickell stated they had some dollars in contracted services that allows them to do various enhancements to the medicaid payment system. They forwent some other enhancements that they felt they could go without. Rep. Rehberg asked what the source was for that. Mr. Tickell stated general fund.

Rep. Rehberg moved that his amendment be adopted. The question was called by Rep. Swift. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

(16:A:40.00)Rep. Donaldson moved that HB 3 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Rep. Quilici called the question. Reps. Devlin and Miller voted NO. The motion CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.



Rep. Bob Thofel, Vice Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
DONALDSON, GENE (Chairman)	✓	<i>late</i>	✓
THOFT, BOB (Vice Chairman)	✓		
WINSLOW, CAL (Vice Chairman)			✓
BARDANOUE, FRANCIS			✓
BRADLEY, DOROTHY	✓		✓
CONNELLY, MARY ELLEN	✓		
DEVLIN, GERRY	✓		
IVERSON, DENNIS	✓		
MANUEL, REX	✓		
MENAHAN, WILLIAM "RED"	✓		
MENKE, LARRY	✓		
MILLER, RON	✓		
NATHE, DENNIS		✓	
PECK, RAY		✓	
POULSEN, HAROLD	✓		
QUILLICI, JOE	✓		
REHBERG, DENNIS	✓		
SPAETH, GARY		✓	
SWIFT, BERNIE	✓		
SWITZER, DEAN	✓		

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The following text describes the budget amendments presented in the budget amendment bill. These amendments are listed by sub-committee and are in the same order as the bill.

A: GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Governor's Office

Board of Visitors

Mental Health Protection and Advocacy - \$75,000 Federal
This amendment provides authority to spend federal money that is authorized in the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986. The Act is designed to "protect and advocate the rights of mentally ill individuals and investigate incidents of abuse and neglect of mentally ill individuals if the incidents are reported to the system or if there is probable cause to believe that the incidents occurred". Due to an overlap into fiscal year 1988, language is included to continue authority for any unexpended balance at the end of fiscal year 1987.

Department of Justice

Driver Services

Commercial Drivers - \$59,307 Federal
This proposal provides funding for the initial phase of commercial vehicle operator licensing as mandated by the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986. The amendment provides training for department personnel. Funds will be used to develop the administrative rules and operating rules & regulations governing the conduct of commercial vehicle licensing. In addition, computer hardware and programming will be purchased to implement an interstate communication system required in the federal act.

Highway Patrol

55 Squad - \$13,900 Federal
This amendment provides additional funding for the 55 MPH Law Enforcement Squad. The purpose of the squad is to provide concentrated enforcement time in certain areas of the state.

B: NATURAL RESOURCES

Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Law Enforcement

USCG Boat Safety - \$71,000 Federal
This amendment requests authority to spend Coast Guard boat safety funds. The Law Enforcement Program will use the funds for travel and boat repairs and maintenance.

Conservation Education

USCG Boat Safety - \$30,400 Federal
The Conservation Education Program will use Coast Guard funds to produce boating safety video programs and information brochures. This information will be used at fairs and sport shows to promote boat safety.

Department of Commerce

Section 8 Housing

Certificates and Vouchers - \$400,000 Federal
This amendment accommodates increased federal housing assistance payment levels (HUD) for authorized certificate and voucher programs for subsidized housing. (Certified housing units program and eligible low-income voucher recipients.

C: INSTITUTIONS & CULTURAL AGENCIES

Montana State Prison

Care and Custody

Chapter I EICA Grant - \$ 10,379 Federal
This amendment will allow the education department at MSP to utilize federal funding for a teacher's aid to assist the remedial reading instructor. The position is needed to address a growing number of inmates enrolling in the program.

Pine Hills School

Care and Custody

Chapter II EICA Grant - \$8,253 Federal
This amendment would allow FHS authority to spend federal funds to implement an independent living skills program. Residents

D: HUMAN SERVICES

Military Affairs

Army Guard

Training Site - \$245,000 Federal

This request provides federal authority to reverse expenses at the Army Guard training site. The federal government changed the method of funding this service. In the past, federal funds were used when expenditures were taking place. The new procedure requires state expenditures first and then reimbursement for these costs after the fact.

Department of Labor and Industry

Human Rights

Fair Housing Assistance - \$98,923 Federal

These federal dollars will be used to identify and remedy discrimination against Native Americans in the area of housing. Because this program extends for 18 months, language is included to reappropriate any unexpended balance at the end of fiscal 1987.

Department of Health and Environmental Sciences

Health Services and Medical Facilities

Child Nutrition Program - \$395,875 Federal

This amendment is the department's best guess on how much authority will be needed to continue the child nutrition program to the end of fiscal year 1987. The program reimburses for meals served to children enrolled in public or private non-profit institutions.

WIC Special Food Program - \$150,000 Federal

This amendment provides authority to continue the WIC program through the remainder of FY87. The department estimates that about 620 additional clients will be served than originally estimated. Services provided include counseling to improve eating behaviors, selected foods to supplement diets and access to preventive health programs. The program targets women, infants and children.

Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Assistance Payments

Food Stamp Training - \$20,805 Federal

This proposal provides funding to train 6 employment counselors and implement a computer program to track the food stamp program.

On-Line Inquiry for Medicaid - \$7,500 Federal
2,500 3rd party

This amendment will allow the state start-up funds to develop an on-line system which can be accessed by personal computers. This system will provide eligibility information on a timely basis to Medicaid providers.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Special Disabled - \$52,000 Federal

These funds will be used to provide added rehab services to severely disabled citizens. Funds will be used for respite services for families of head injured persons; Native American program development; Rehab engineering services; Needs survey and staff development.

E: EDUCATION

Office of Public Instruction

Special Services

Drug/AIDS Education - \$70,685 Federal

This amendment contains two separate programs. The first grant provides federal funding to reinforce and coordinate the efforts of concerned parents, state and local officials, and community organizations to put an end to the use of drugs by young people. The second grant provides funding for the dissemination of information to teachers, administrators and others on AIDS. The authority requested in this amendment represents the portion of the larger grant amount that is allowed to be used by OPI for state involvement in the two programs.

Montana Advisory Council for Voc Ed

Office Automation - \$23,500 Federal

This amendment provides authority to purchase office automation equipment.

Montana University System

Commissioners Office

Education for Economic Security - \$15,000 Federal

This amendment allows money not used for the Education for Economic Security Act awarded in FY86 to be reallocated in FY87.

Western Montana College

Tuition Revenue - \$73,725 Current Unrestricted

Due to higher enrollment, tuition revenue is higher than appropriated. This amendment restores authority to the physical plant and the Instruction program that was lost in the 2% reductions.

Amend House Bill 3 as follows:

Page 3, following Line 6;

Delete: Lines 7 through 9

Insert: "Termination Pay 1987 - \$30,000 State Special"

These funds may be used only for termination pay for the workers' compensation court if the court is eliminated by the 50th Legislature.

