

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS SUBCOMMITTEE
50TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The meeting of the General Government and Highways Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Rehberg on February 17, 1987 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 132 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present. Also present were Flo Smith, Budget Analyst from the Office of Budget & Program Planning (OBPP) and Clayton Schenck, Senior Fiscal Analyst from the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst. (LFA)

89A:0.00

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Rep. Robert Marks, District No. 75, Jefferson County, addressed the committee concerning the budget presented by the Legislative Council. (Exhibit No. 1). He said they had taken what he considered to be drastic measures in trimming the budget, with the major portion of the reductions in interstate organizations. The Council elected to reduce contributions for memberships in them by fifty percent, to pay only half the dues. By doing that, they would still get the benefit of services. In addition, travel was also reduced by two-thirds. He pointed out the legislative members of the Council were unanimously in support of these reductions.

Sen. J. D. Lynch, District 34, Silver Bow County, said it would be a mistake to eliminate interstate memberships entirely. By cutting the dues in half, benefits will still be derived. There will have to be a reduction in the number of committees to which the Council belongs in each organization. There will have to be a tight selective process on meetings to be attended. He has found NCSL and CSG to be very beneficial and the submitted budget is very workable. This also shows the Legislature to be very cognizant of the hard times of the state.

Sen. Allen Kolstad, District 7, Liberty County, and Chairman of the Legislative Council, gave a brief history of the council. This agency is known as the research arm of the Legislature and serves a wide variety of legislative needs. The staff is highly professional and dedicated, as well as being service oriented. The staff is non-political and the record is good. He stated he was proud to present the well-reviewed bare-bones budget to the committee. He urged the committee's support of the budget.

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Chairman Rehberg addressed the varying salaries in the legislative agencies.

Sen. Kolstad said fairness in salaries should definitely be a consideration in addressing the budgets and the Legislative Council would be willing to consider this, as they have in the past.

Sen. Lynch said he believed there should not be a great disparity in the salaries of the agencies and they should be uniform.

There was discussion regarding the percentage of cuts taken. Rep. Marks told the committee the cuts taken from the previously submitted budget amounted to \$529,000. The \$105,000 budgeted for interim studies included the payments for legislative travel. \$25,000 was placed in a discretionary fund for the Council to pick up items that might come up after the session. This total was reduced to \$40,000 total, with \$20,000 to be put in a discretionary fund and this will limit the amount of studies that can be prioritized.

Sen. Lynch stated it would be important to be sure that proposed studies had money amounts included.

Sen. Kolstad said it was the consensus of the Council to cut membership in both commissions in half to allow Council representation in both groups rather than eliminating one.

Sen. Keating asked if more studies could be done if the membership on the various committees was reduced. Rep. Marks said this would require a change in statute and he pointed out the principle cost in studies was not the staff time, but travel and salaries for legislators.

Rep. Quilici emphasized the importance of input to the state through membership on committees such as the NCSL and CSG. Rep. Marks said membership in these organizations, even though important, was not the highest priority in the state and if efforts were made to curtail travel in other areas of the OBPP budget, perhaps the remainder in the budget for membership in these organizations could be sacrificed.

(23.35)

Bob Person, acting Executive Director, presented the agency budget. The Council operates under four programs:

1. Feed Bill Program, funded entirely by money

appropriated in the Legislative Feed Bill.

2. Operations Program provides the main core for supplying general staff services to the Legislature.
3. Interim Studies and Conferences Program is to assist the Legislature in looking at various issues.
4. The Montana Code Annotated Program is a revolving fund program established since taking over the codes.

Mr. Person referred to Exhibit No. 2, Summary of Changes Recommended, Summary of Operations Programs Adjustment and Interim Studies and Conferences Program Adjustments and the agency budget.

The major changes in the FY 89 budget were a result of efficiencies achieved in session staffing. He said the proposed purchase of Text DBMC in the amount of \$10,000 would be advisable and hoped it would be considered. The purchased price had been negotiated from \$30,000 to \$20,000 and could perhaps be negotiated down even more. The \$5,000 originally budgeted for installation was really money for training and some money was kept in the training budget to match.

There was discussion regarding the adjustments made to travel by the agency as shown on Exhibit No. 2.

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Rep. Bernie Swift, District 64, Ravalli County, a member of the Western State Legislative Forestry Task Force, addressed the committee. He urged the committee support continuance of this task force. The Task Force is involved in planning of activities and the resource activities that take place on a national forest. (Exhibit No. 3).

He gave a brief overview of the task force, which is composed of four members from each state. He told the committee they have been alternating who attends the meetings. Because of the cost, no members attended the meeting in Alaska. The cost for membership is \$2,750 annually, but there could possibly be some reduction in this amount. He said the task force would be willing to accept some reduction in funding on a comparative basis, but they would like to keep the committee at four and they would work out the alternating within the group.

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Sen. Elmer Severson, District 32, Ravalli County, past chairman of the Task Force, addressed the committee. He said this was one of the most ideal committees with neighboring states working together. British Columbia is now an associate member. They are now changing their system of selling timber and competition will be on an even scale. The Task Force is non-partisan with six states participating. He told the committee this program is important to Montana and urged their support.

Sen. Severson and Rep. Swift will be attending a meeting in Oregon and will pick up some expenses themselves. Montana is the smallest dues paying member on the Task Force.

Clayton Schenck told the committee the table on page A-18 of the LFA Budget Analysis book indicated funding for the Task Force in the 87 biennium, but not in the 89 biennium,

The dues are based on the forestry base of the state and not on the number of members per state. The \$20,000 budget includes the dues.

Bob Person told the committee the structure of the Task Force is such that it asks each state to renew its membership by joint resolution each time and the Legislative Council felt the budget, along with the renewal of membership, was a legislative decision to be made from session to session. He told the committee that items on Exhibit No.2 represent those already included in the agency's budget, and, since they did not budget for the Task Force, it was not included.

(20.00)

Chairman Rehberg asked why the Legislative Council did not freeze salaries on the 86 pay matrix. Mr. Person said the former executive director calculated the funds available and determined it would be affordable for the Council to go on the 87 matrix. He said had the Legislature frozen at the 86 matrix, the decision would have been different. The budget does include monies for promotions. The Council's policy since the pay plan went into existence was to try to maintain comparability with the pay plan. However, they are not on the pay plan and do not follow the pay plan rules. The budget assumes replacement of the research director at entry level and the promotions would be regarded as an upgrade.

Chairman Rehberg said in looking through the salaries paid to the Council, there were some important positions being paid a low salary. In trying to weigh the fairness of the low salary

versus the fairness of keeping everyone within the legislative agencies the same as the rest of the state employees, the committee should look into this.

In answer to Sen. Gage's question regarding the three percent reduction, Clayton said he would work on new figures and provide the committee with a new LFA sheet before executive action is taken on the agency.

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CONSUMER COUNSEL

Rep. Quilici, Chairman of the Montana Consumer Counsel Committee, gave a brief overview. The committee is mandated by the State Constitution, with two members from the House and two members from the Senate. The funding is through an assessment of regulated companies. The committee sets the budget and the Department of Revenue determines the amount to assess the companies to run this program. The Counsel has been very frugal. The budget is set high enough to accommodate requests for rate increases. The federal tax reform will have a dramatic effect on the program over the next biennium. The staff has remained at 4.25.

Jim Paine, a member of the Consumer Counsel, addressed the committee and the budget. (Exhibit No. 4). The duty of the Counsel is to represent the consumers of Montana before the appropriate regulatory agencies.

Mr. Paine explained the funding for the Counsel. The case activity was down in 86 and the Counsel did not expend significant amounts of money. This resulted in a large balance in the earmarked account as of June 30 and a reduction in the Consumer Counsel tax for the 86/87 fiscal year. Mr. Paine said historically about two-thirds of the budget has been set for consultants for participation in rate cases. The smaller cases are handled in house. (Exhibit No. 5).

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 has caused participation by the Counsel in cases involving every major utility and the contractual obligations outstanding total over \$482,000 for consultant services. This illustrates how this category varies.

For the last several years, there has been a contingency fund in the amount of \$100,000 for contractual services and this will be used this year. This contingency fund is set out on page A-24 of the LFA Budget Analysis book.

Jim gave the committee a revised p. 11 for salaries. (Exhibit No. 4). The counsel has attempted to show how the salary freeze would affect their budget request.

Jim explained the Counsel presents testimony, whereas the PSC does not. This is the primary difference between the two agencies. In cases where the PSC has accepted the recommendation of the Counsel, the difference between what the utility has sought and what has been granted by the PSC has been significant and this has resulted in a savings to the state of Montana.

There were no further questions from the committee.

(24.10)

COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

Dolores Colburg, Commissioner of Political Practices, presented her revised budget to the committee. (Exhibit No. 6). Overall, the revised budget is \$93,000 less than the one previously submitted for a thirty-one percent reduction. The personal services for the salaries presumes a pay freeze for the biennium, with no change in benefits. There is no vacancy savings anticipated in this budget, and she urged none be taken with three FTE. She told the committee she envisioned, as a possibility, \$15,000 in contracted legal services by either utilizing the agency legal services through the Attorney General's office, retaining an attorney on a contracted basis for a particular case or situation, or working with the University of Montana Law School or using a legal intern in the office for a specific task, or maybe a combination. It could also mean sharing an attorney with another agency. She requested the latitude of perhaps utilizing a one-third, or half-time, FTE shared with another agency, but still using the \$15,000 figure as a basis.

The supplies and materials category includes all of the printing for the office, including the election year. This does include the book showing political contributions to candidates. Chairman Rehberg suggested this book was a duplication and, although handy, could be eliminated or a charge made for the publication. Ms. Colburg said she was looking into this. The printing costs were determined before recent legislation now on the way to the Governor and, therefore, could vary and necessitate an increase.

Ms. Colburg continued her review of the revised budget. Some of the costs are fixed and the budget assumes no increases. Her analysis showed the fixed costs to total ninety-three to

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to ninety-five percent write out of the budget.

Chairman Rehberg thanked Ms. Colburg for the budget showing a cut of 25.6%.

In answer to Rep. Quilici's question regarding the office being able to function on this budget, Ms. Colberg said it was lean, with zero fat, and by watching closely, it would be achievable. If she is wrong, she will be back in to request a supplemental in two years. Her concern was in supplies and materials and communications.

Clayton said the statute would have to be amended in order to give the Commissioner authority to not only charge for photocopies, but also to charge for the "book".

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There was further discussion regarding the budget for the Commissioner on Campaign Practices.

She questioned the amount of revenue generated through photocopying.

Rep. Quilici commended Ms. Colburg on her revised budget.

There were no further questions from the committee.

(13.00)

HOUSE BILL 372

Information from the State Auditor's Office regarding HB 372, was reviewed by Clayton. The fiscal note reflects an estimated increase in revenue of approximately \$117,497 per year in the 89 biennium. The State Auditor submitted a modified request to increase the insurance department staff to do rate analysis and to further regulate the industry. Seven FTE were requested in the modified. No action was taken on the modified. The total in FY 88 is \$273,000 and in FY 89, \$228,000. The three FTE are the top priority, which approximates the amount of anticipated revenue from increased and additional fees to the industry. The fees go into an earmarked account, with the balance reverting to the general fund.

Kathy Irigoin from the State Auditor's Office told the committee the actuary would permit the department to analyze data to determine a rate increase. Up to now, the department has not been looking at the rates even though the statute states they are to check rates to determine if they are inadequate,

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excessive or unfairly discriminatory. If HB 519 passes, as amended, the department will have to contract the services of an actuary in order to comply with the mandate if the modified request is not funded.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION

Sen, Keating Moved HB 372 DO PASS.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

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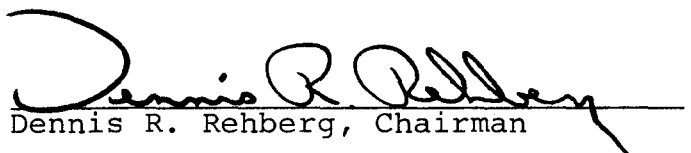
EXECUTIVE ACTION

Rep. Quilici moved the committee accept the revised budget for the Commissioner of Political Practices with language to permit a fee be charged for the publication of the book relating to campaign contributions over \$25.00 to political candidates. If language cannot be included to charge for the book, the subcommittee, or Chairman Rehberg, will ask the House for late drafting of a bill to amend the current statutory allowance for photocopying to include a fee for this book.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

Chairman Rehberg asked for permission from the subcommittee to ask the Full Appropriations Committee to put HB 372 on the consent calendar. There were no objections from the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.


Dennis R. Rehberg, Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & HIGHWAYS

SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE February 17, 1987

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REPORT EBSR99
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OFFICE OF BUDGET & PROGRAM PLANNING
EXECUTIVE BUDGET SYSTEM
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AGENCY : 1104 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL		CURRENT LEVEL SERVICES ONLY				
PROGRAM : 02 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FEED BILL						
CONTROL : 00000						
AE/OE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 86	BUDGET FY 87	OBPP FY 88	LFA FY 88	DIFF FY 88
				OBPP FY 89	LFA FY 89	DIFF FY 89
1100	SALARIES	11,604.06				
1400	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,352.26				
	TOTAL LEVEL	12,956.32				
2100	CONTRACTED SERVICES	114,081.51				
2200	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	3,003.57				
2300	COMMUNICATIONS	32,157.48				
	TOTAL LEVEL	149,242.56				
	TOTAL PROGRAM	162,198.88				
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01100	GENERAL FUND	162,198.88				
	TOTAL PROGRAM	162,198.88				

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AGENCY : 1104 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PROGRAM : 05 INTERIM STUDIES & CONFERENCES
CONTROL : 00000

AE/OE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 86	BUDGET FY 87	OBPP FY 88	LFA FY 88	DIFF FY 88	CURRENT LEVEL SERVICES ONLY		
							OBPP FY 89	LFA FY 89	DIFF FY 89
0000	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00	
1100	SALARIES	34,400.85							
1400	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,625.24							
	TOTAL LEVEL	37,026.09							
2000	OPERATING EXPENSES		70,017		412,502	-412,502	98,222	89,222	-89,222
2100	CONTRACTED SERVICES	5,410.65		421,502		421,502			98,222
2200	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	7,832.79							
2300	COMMUNICATIONS	2,944.59							
2400	TRAVEL	67,317.24							
2800	OTHER EXPENSES	75,501.00							
	TOTAL LEVEL	159,006.27	70,017	421,502	412,502	9,000	98,222	89,222	9,000
	TOTAL PROGRAM	196,032.36	70,017	421,502	412,502	9,000	98,222	89,222	9,000
01100	GENERAL FUND	188,036.30	70,017	409,502	400,502	9,000	98,222	89,222	9,000
02445	LOCAL IMPACT	3,875.18		12,000	12,000				
05007	LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM	4,120.88							
	TOTAL- PROGRAM	196,032.36	70,017	421,502	412,502	9,000	98,222	89,222	9,000

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AGENCY : 1104 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PROGRAM : 07 MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED
CONTROL : 00000

CURRENT LEVEL SERVICES ONLY

AE/OE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 86	BUDGET FY 87	OBPP FY 88	LFA FY 88	DIFF FY 88	OBPP FY 89	LFA FY 89	DIFF FY 89
2100	CONTRACTED SERVICES	267,646.29		651,225	651,225				
2200	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	2,198.27		24,500	24,500				
2300	COMMUNICATIONS	41,897.71		95,000	95,000				
2400	TRAVEL	696.00		4,666	4,666				
	TOTAL LEVEL	312,438.27		775,391	775,391				
3100	EQUIPMENT	209.57							
3400	INTANGIBLE ASSETS	95.00							
	TOTAL LEVEL	304.57							
	TOTAL PROGRAM	312,742.84		775,391	775,391				
02800	MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED	312,742.84		775,391	775,391				
	TOTAL PROGRAM	312,742.84		775,391	775,391				

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AGENCY : 1104 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PROGRAM : 10 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
CONTROL : 00000

AE/OE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 86	BUDGET FY 87	OBPP FY 88	LFA FY 88	DIFF FY 88	CURRENT LEVEL SERVICES ONLY		
							OBPP FY 89	LFA FY 89	DIFF FY 89
0000	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)	41.50	56.00	42.00	42.00		55.50	55.50	
1000	PERSONAL SERVICES		1,525,281						
1100	SALARIES	995,419.68		1,103,355	1,100,894	2,461	1,352,014	1,351,488	526
1400	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	195,677.29		162,324	164,785	-2,461	201,847	202,373	-526
1500	HEALTH INSURANCE			57,960	57,960		57,960	57,960	
	TOTAL LEVEL	1,191,096.97	1,525,281	1,323,639	1,323,639		1,611,821	1,611,821	
2000	OPERATING EXPENSES		494,479		-7,751	7,751		-15,017	15,017
2021	CONTRACTED SERVICES-INFLATI				78	-78		129	-129
2022	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS-INFLAT								
2025	RENT-INFLATION				2,605	-2,605		3,521	-3,521
2100	CONTRACTED SERVICES	133,254.24		317,788	261,872	55,916	394,548	405,990	-11,442
2200	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	29,525.97		33,660	33,582	78	44,450	44,321	129
2300	COMMUNICATIONS	25,725.16		30,856	30,856		32,573	32,573	
2400	TRAVEL	11,527.03		42,564	42,564		34,894	34,894	
2500	RENT	27,838.80		27,452	24,847	2,605	58,366	54,845	3,521
2700	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	16,933.41		22,915	22,915		24,999	24,999	
2800	OTHER EXPENSES	8,626.25		19,525	19,525		18,535	18,535	
	TOTAL LEVEL	253,430.86	494,479	494,760	431,093	63,667	608,365	604,790	3,575
3000	EQUIPMENT & INTANGIBLE ASSE								
3100	EQUIPMENT	58,215.88	13,141	49,235	69,235	-20,000	14,345	14,345	
3400	INTANGIBLE ASSETS	6,071.34			40,000	-40,000			
	TOTAL LEVEL	64,287.22	13,141	49,235	109,235	-60,000	14,345	14,345	
	TOTAL PROGRAM	1,508,815.05	2,032,901	1,867,634	1,863,967	3,667	2,234,531	2,230,956	3,575
01100	GENERAL FUND	1,508,815.05	2,032,901	1,867,634	1,863,967	3,667	2,234,531	2,230,956	3,575
	TOTAL PROGRAM	1,508,815.05	2,032,901	1,867,634	1,863,967	3,667	2,234,531	2,230,956	3,575



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TO: Subcommittee on General Government and Highways Joint
Committee on Appropriations and Finance and Claims

FROM: Bob Person, Acting Executive Director *Bob*

RE: Fiscal 88-89 Council Budget

The Legislative Council met Saturday, February 14, and voted revisions in the budget submitted for fiscal 88 and 89. This memo reviews all the changes recommended to you. The changes are to the Operations program and the Interim Studies and Conferences program.

1. Summary of Changes Recommended:

a. Operations Program

	<u>FY 88</u>	<u>FY 89</u>
Proposal Submitted	1,858,948	2,227,196
Net Change	<u>(70,105)</u>	<u>(65,878)</u>
New Proposal	1,788,843	2,161,328
Percent Change	-3.77	-2.957

b. Interim Studies and Conferences

	<u>FY 88 or Biennial</u>	<u>FY 89</u>
Proposal Submitted	412,502	89,222
Net Change	<u>(211,764)</u>	<u>(44,611)</u>
New Proposal	200,738	44,611
Percent Change	-51.3	-50.0

The changes are proposed below:

2. Summary of Operations Program Adjustments:

a. Personal Services

	<u>FY 88</u>	<u>FY 89</u>
Proposal Submitted	1,323,639	1,611,821
Net Change	<u>(18,903)</u>	<u>(91,247)</u>
New Proposal	1,304,736	1,520,574

These changes result from an analysis of cost reductions possible as a result of changing executive directors, and the resulting other staff changes, by a reduction in secretarial services and changing one secretarial position to an office clerk, by reductions in session staff resulting from increased productivity and by shifting the budget for 4 session bill drafting staff to contracted services.

b. Operating Expenses

	<u>FY 88</u>	<u>FY 89</u>
Proposal Submitted	426,074	601,030
Net Change	<u>(32,967)</u>	<u>31,224</u>
New Proposal	393,107	632,254

Discussion: Reductions in operating expenses would be achieved both years by eliminating nearly all money for staff training, travel, and conference registrations. A small amount is left in these categories. A large proportion of the operating expense budget is contracted services for data processing related to the preparation of publications and bills. I believe it would be imprudent to risk reduction in those areas.

The increase in FY 89 would result from the transfer of \$50,000 from personal services to operating expenses to establish a bill drafting internship with the UM law school.

We have for several sessions now budgeted for extra bill drafters for the session. This session we have one extra drafter on staff (the balance of the budget was cut as one of the percentage reductions). The availability of qualified drafters and space for them to work has been a severe limiting factor. I have approached Jack Mudd, Dean of the School of Law, about using law students to assist in drafting from November through January. He is very enthusiastic about the possibilities for such a program.

Greg Petesch is also positive about it. Many details will need to be worked out, but we can do it. As we see it, we cannot be worse off for trying. The \$50,000 proposed is some \$4,000 less than was included in personal services in our original proposal. The proposed amount should cover expenses related to paying the students, supervising their work, and communicating bills electronically.

c. Capital Expenses

	<u>FY 88</u>	<u>FY 89</u>
Current Proposal	109,235	14,345
Net Change	<u>(17,875)</u>	<u>(5,845)</u>
New Proposal	91,360	8,500

Discussion: A certain amount of our capital expense budget is insurance money against broken chairs and other small items that may be needed. We reduced each of these budgets by 25% to 75%. The big reduction here, though, is a reduction in FY 88 of \$10,000 in the proposed purchase price for the data management part of TextDBMS and a \$2,500 reduction in installation and training. The price reduction has been achieved by negotiation.

3. Interim Studies and Conferences Program Adjustments:

a. The Council has voted to recommend changes as follows:

- (1) Reduce dues for interstate organizations by 50%.
- (2) Reduce travel budgets for interstate organizations by 2/3.
- (3) Reduce interim studies to \$40,000 with \$20,000 for statewide issues.

The detailed budget after changes is attached.

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INTERIM STUDIES AND CONFERENCES PROGRAM
BUDGET
FISCAL 1988-89

	<u>FY 1988</u>	<u>FY 1989</u>
Interim Studies*	20,000	
Section 5-11-105(1)*	20,000	
Revenue Oversight Committee*	35,000	
Coal Tax Subcommittee (Local Impact Fund)*	12,000	
Administrative Code Committee*	14,000	
Capitol Building and Planning*	5,000	
NCSL		
2801 Dues	22,561	23,861
2400 Travel*	28,900	
3.3 members to Indianapolis 1987		
(\$1,950 x 3.3)	6,500	
3.3 members to Reno 1988		
(\$1,520 x 3.3)	5,067	
3.3 members to 4 additional		
meetings (\$1,300 x 4 x 3.3)	17,333	
	<u>28,900</u>	
CSG		
2801 Dues	20,150	20,750
2400 Travel*	17,027	
2.6 members to Honolulu 1987		
(\$1,635 x 2.6)	4,360	
2.6 members to Albuquerque 1988		
(\$1,550 x 2.6)	4,133	
2.6 members to 4 additional		
meetings (\$800 x 4 x 2.6)	8,533	
	<u>17,027</u>	
Five-State Biennial Conference*	4,100	
(Bismarck, ND - \$820 x 5 delegates)		
Montana-West Canadian Province Boundary		
Advisory Committee*	<u>2,000</u>	
GRAND TOTAL - INTERIM STUDIES & CONF.	200,738	44,611

*Biennial Appropriations

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REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

- 1985 -

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James B. Corlett

BACKGROUND

The Task Force was organized on July 12 & 13, 1974, in San Francisco. Senator Randy Collier, California, was elected Chairman and Senator Ted Hallock, Oregon, Vice Chairman. Five states were represented at the first meeting: California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Alaska joined the task force in 1978. Two of the founding delegates are still Task Force members; Senator Barry Keene of California, and Senator Lowell Peterson of Washington.

The Task Force consists of two Senators and two Representatives (Assemblymen) from each of six Western states. These delegates are appointed, respectively, by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House (Assembly) of each state.

GOVERNMENT/OPERATIONS

The Task Force is governed under a set of By Laws which are reviewed periodically. The Chair and Vice Chair are required to be from different states and are elected for one year terms. No person can serve more than one year in either office. Officers are rotated among the member states.

MEETINGS

Four or five meetings are normally held each year; these are rotated among the member states, except that, one meeting each year is generally held in Washington, D.C. Meetings are in the form of public hearings with knowledgeable persons and organizations invited to testify on current forestry issues which have regional interest or significance. The public is invited.

POLICIES

Task Force policies are determined by vote of the membership, following issue review at one or more meetings. Decisions of the Task Force do not necessarily bind either the legislatures or state governments of the member states.

1985 MEETINGS

The Task Force held four public meetings in 1985. A brief description of each meeting follows:

FIRST MEETING, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Held at the Sheraton Hotel, March 9 & 10, 1985. Forty-three persons participated. New Task Force members attending their first meeting were introduced. These were: Representative Homer Lundquist, Washington, Representative Bernie Swift, Montana, Representative John Sund, Alaska, Senator Walt Brown, Oregon, and Representative Bernie Agrons, Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

1. TIMBER SALE PROBLEMS AND PROCEDURES WITHIN THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND THE 1985 FARM BILL IN CONGRESS AS IT RELATES TO PROPOSED FORESTRY SOLUTIONS TO SOIL EROSION, REDUCTION OF FARM DEBT AND HABITAT ENHANCEMENT.

Art Stearns, Supervisor, Washington Department of Natural Resources.

2. CANADIAN LUMBER TRADE WITH THE USA.

T.M. Mike Apsey, President and CEO, Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Honorable Larry E. Craig, Congressman from Idaho.

Tom Richards, President, Idaho Forest Industries, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Bill Brauner, President Brauner Lumber Co., Kettle Falls, Washington.

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3. NATIONAL FOREST PLANNING IMPACTS.

Mike Sullivan, Vice President, Industry Affairs, Industrial Forestry Association, Portland, Oregon.

Jim O'Donnell, Executive Vice President, N.W. Pine Association, Spokane, Washington.

Joe Hinson, Executive Vice President, Idaho Forest Industry Council, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Allan Lampi, Director of Planning, Region 6, U.S. Forest Service, Portland, Oregon.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

Morey Haggin, Spokane, Washington.

5. BELOW COST TIMBER SALE IMPACTS.

Dick Reid, Executive Vice President, Inland Forest Resources Council, Missoula, Montana.

6. REPORT FROM WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. FOREST SERVICE. 1986 F.Y. PRESIDENT'S BUDGET, FEDERAL PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE 25% TIMBER SALES PAYMENTS TO STATES AND COUNTRIES, AND PROPOSED BLM/U.S. FOREST SERVICE LAND EXCHANGE.

Allan J. West, Associate Deputy Chief, USFS Washington, D.C.

7. REPORT FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES.

Commissioner Jerry Routson, Chairman, Hood River County Commission, Oregon; First Vice President, Association of Oregon Counties.

8. PROPOSED WILDLIFE RESEARCH PROGRAM.

Jack N. Thomas, Project Leader, Forest and Range Sciences Laboratory, USFS, La Grande, Oregon.

9. RECENT LITIGATION RE: NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION VS. U.S. FOREST SERVICE.

Larry Blasing, Director, Public Timber Programs, Inland Forest Resources Council, Missoula, Montana.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

1. REQUESTING CONGRESS TO AMEND SECTION 14(i) OF 1976 NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT ACT.

Comment: Would enable small business firms in Alaska to avail themselves of the same option available in all other states, to request the U.S. Forest Service to construct access roads under certain timber sale proposals.

2. SUPPORT OF ELK, GRAZING AND FORESTRY RESEARCH

Comment: Support of the concept of a very large elk/deer enclosure on the Starkey Experimental Forest in Northeastern Oregon to carry out important research programs dealing with compatibility of cattle grazing, wildlife management and timber management.

3. SUPPORT OF USDA, FOREST SERVICE, STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY PROGRAMS.

Comment: Support of Congressional funding of these programs at FY 1985 levels to minimize further adverse effects on the forest economy and forest land productivity.

4. SUPPORT OF CONTINUED NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FIRE WEATHER FORECASTING PROGRAMS.

Comment: This is a vital program to forest protection from fire in the Western States. It is also basic for use of prescribed fire as a forest management tool and for administration of smoke management programs required under the Federal Clean Air Act.

SECOND MEETING, VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Held at the Harbour Towers Hotel, and included a field trip, June 20 & 21, 1985. Sixty-seven persons participated. New Task Force members attending their first meeting were introduced. These were Representative Mike Davis, Alaska, and Representative Bill Hand, Montana. A special introduction and expression of thanks was conveyed to the Honorable Tom Waterland, Minister of Forests, British Columbia, who graciously hosted the meeting, by Task Force Chairman, Senator Elmer Severson.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

1. FORESTRY ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAMS IN ALASKA, WASHINGTON, YUKON TERRITORY AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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Robert D. Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of National Resources, Juneau, Alaska.

Brian J. Boyle, Commissioner of Public Lands, Olympia, Washington.

Bill Klassan, Acting Deputy Minister, Department of Renewable Resources, Whitehorse, Yukon.

Honorable Tom Waterland, Minister of Forests, Victoria, B.C.

2. COMPARISON OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE (ALASKA) AND BRITISH COLUMBIA FOREST SERVICE, FOREST POLICIES, PRACTICES AND LOG DELIVERY COSTS.

Mike Barton, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, Juneau, Alaska.

3. COOPERATIVE FORESTRY RESEARCH FOR THE HIGH LATITUDES (NATIONS AROUND THE NORTH POLE).

Dr. James V. Drew, Dean of the school of Agriculture and Land Resource Management, and Director, Alaska Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska.

4. WALKING TOUR OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

Hosted by Honorable Tom Waterland, Minister of Forests.

5. OPPORTUNITIES FOR PACIFIC RIM FOREST PRODUCTS TRADE: U.S.A. - B.C. MUTUAL INTERESTS AND POTENTIAL.

Dr. Thomas R. Waggener, Director, Center for International Trade in Forest Products, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

6. B.C./YUKON - U.S.A. FOREST PROTECTION COOPERATION.

H.G. (Hank) Doerksen, Director, Protection Branch, B.C. Forest Service, Victoria, B.C.

7. REPORT FROM U.S. FOREST SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Allan J. West, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C..

8. BRITISH COLUMBIA/YUKON - U.S.A. COOPERATION IN FOREST RESEARCH.

Calvin F. Bay, Project Leader, U.S. Forest Service, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Juneau, Alaska.

Keith Illingworth, Acting Director, Research Branch, B.C. Ministry of Forests, Victoria, B.C.

Bill Klassen, Acting Deputy Minister, Department of Renewable Resources, Whitehorse, Yukon.

9. BRITISH COLUMBIA - U.S.A. LUMBER TRADE.

T.M. (Mike) Apsey, President and Chief Executive Officer, Council of Forest Industries of B.C., and Principle Coordinator, International Trade, Canadian Forest Industries Council.

10. FIELD TRIP TOUR OF A FOREST NURSERY, SEED ORCHARD AND FOREST RESEARCH FACILITY.

Hosted by the Ministry of Forests.

THIRD MEETING, HAYDEN LAKE, IDAHO

Held on October 4-6, 1985, with sixty-nine persons participating. One focus of the meeting was a comparison of British Columbia and U.S. Forest timber sale appraisal systems through the use of a common timber sale prospectus. This prospectus included the tree species, terrain, weather conditions, and other natural factors generally common to Southeastern British Columbia, Northeastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Northwestern Montana.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

1. WELCOME AND REPORT ON A JOINT U.S. - CANADIAN TASK FORCE ON TRADE.

Honorable John Evans, Governor of Idaho, and Cochair, with B.C. Premier Bill Bennett, of the National Governor's Association Joint U.S. - Canadian Task Force On Trade.

2. COMPARISON OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE (REGION 1) STUMPAGE APPRAISAL SYSTEMS.

A.C MacPherson, Deputy Minister of Forests, Victoria, B.C.

H. (Hans) Waelti, Director, Valuation Branch, B.C. Forest Service, Victoria, B.C.

John A. Combes, Assistant Director, Timber Management, U.S. Forest Service (Region 1) Missoula, Montana.

3. CRITIQUE OF B.C. APPRAISAL.

Tom Richards, President, Idaho Forest Industries, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

4. CRITIQUE OF U.S. APPRAISAL

Julius Juhasz, Director, Timber Management Branch, B.C. Forest Service, Victoria, B.C.

John G. Murray, Vice President Woodland, Crestbrook Forest Industries, Cranbrook, B.C.

5. THE 1985 DISASTROUS WILD LAND FIRE SEASON IN WESTERN NORTH AMERICA.

Jack F. Wilson, Director, Office of Aircraft Services, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JOINT BRITISH COLUMBIA/WESTERN STATES FOREST PRODUCTS MARKETING WITHIN THE PACIFIC BASIN, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVED COOPERATION.

Honorable Tom Waterland, Minister of Forests, Province of British Columbia, Victoria.

Brian J. Boyle, Commissioner of Public Lands, State of Washington, Olympia, Washington.

Harold R. Walt, Chairman, California State Board of Forestry, Sacramento, California.

7. CURRENT NORTH AMERICAN FOREST PRODUCTS MARKETING PROGRAMS WITHIN THE PACIFIC BASIS.

W. Michael Robson, Forest Industry Consultant Vancouver, B.C.

Vernon Harness, Director, Forest Products Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

8. CURRENT NATIONAL FORESTRY ISSUES.

Allan J. West, Associate Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C.

Edmond C. Packee, Assistant Professor, School of Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska.

10. RESULTS OF THE 1985 GYPSY MOTH WAR IN OREGON

Tom Lane, Deputy State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry, Salem, Oregon.

FOURTH MEETING, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Held at the Travelodge at the Wharf, December 7 & 8, 1985. Forty-seven persons participated. A visitor, Senator Vernon Lannen, Idaho was introduced. He attended at the request of Senator Kermit Kiebert of Idaho.

ISSUES DISCUSSED

1. CALIFORNIA FORESTRY IN THE YEAR 2000 (RESULTS FROM CENTENNIAL II).

Harold R. Walt, Chairman, California State Board of Forestry.

2. WILDERNESS SOCIETY GOALS REGARDING U.S. FOREST SERVICE PLANNING.

Pete Emerson, Vice President, Resources and Planning, The Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

3. CONSERVATIONISTS CAMPAIGN TO REFORM THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE BUDGET.

Bruce Hamilton, Director, Conservation Services, The Sierra Club, San Francisco, California.

4. FEDERAL TAX REFORM PROPOSAL...TIMBER TAXES.

Ryan Hamilton, Analyst - Economics/taxation, California Forest Protective Association, Sacramento, California.

5. FACTORS EFFECTING THE LONG TERM TIMBER SUPPLY, AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES TO CALIFORNIA.

Bill Dennison, Executive Vice President, Western Timber Association, Sacramento, California.

Bill Coates, Chairman, Plumas County Commission; Vice President California Rural Counties Association, Quincy, California.

Zane Smith, regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, San Francisco, California.

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6. COMPARISON OF FORESTRY PROBLEMS BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE U.S.A.

Professor Richard Plochmann Ph.D., Chairman, Department of Forestry, University of Munich, Bavaria, Germany.

7. FOREST PLANNING IMPACTS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION, U.S. FOREST SERVICE.

Jim Geisinger, Vice President operations, Western Timber Industries Association, Portland, Oregon.

8. THE EXTRAORDINARY 1985 CALIFORNIA FIRE SEASON

Donald Peterson, Deputy Director, California Department of Forestry, Sacramento, California.

Richard Montague, Director Aviation and Fire Management, U.S. Forest Service, San Francisco, California.

9. CONGRESSIONAL AND FOREST INDUSTRY VIEWS OF CANADIAN LUMBER IMPORTS; U.S. TARIFFS ON CANADIAN FOREST PRODUCTS.

David Stahl, President, National Forest Products Association Washington, D.C.

10. REPORT ON COOPERATIVE TRADE EFFORTS IN ALASKA.

John Sturgeon, State Forester, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage, Alaska.

11. NEED FOR A NEW APPROACH TO FINANCING WESTERN INSECT OUTBREAKS.

Larry Freeman Jr., Director, Forest Pest Management, U.S. Forest Service, San Francisco, California.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

1. OPPOSITION TO CONGRESSIONAL TAX PROPOSALS THAT DEAL WITH CAPITAL GAINS TREATMENT OF THE FOREST INDUSTRY AND CAPITALIZATION OF FOREST MANAGEMENT EXPENSES.

2. SUPPORT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKA STATE FORESTS.

3. SUPPORT OF THE "GIBBONS BILL", HR-2451, AND THE "BACUS BILL", S-1292, THAT DEFINE PRICING NATURAL RESOURCES AT THEIR FAIR MARKET VALUE AS A SUBSIDY SUBJECT TO PREVAILING COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW.

4. OPPOSE EXPANSION OF HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED.
5. OPPOSE ADDITIONAL BUFFER AREAS OR PROTECTIVE STRIPS AROUND YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK AT THE EXPENSE OF BLM AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE MULTIPLE USE MANAGEMENT.
6. SUPPORT APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL FUNDING OF COST-EFFECTIVE WILD FIRE CONTROL PROGRAMS.
7. SUPPORT ESTABLISHING FOREST PEST CONTROL CONTINGENCY FUNDING.
8. SUPPORT COOPERATION WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA ON DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL WOOD PRODUCTS MARKET DEVELOPMENT.
9. SUPPORT U.S. FOREST SERVICE CALIFORNIA FOREST PLANS THAT WILL PERMIT CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED TIMBER SALES OF 2.1 BILLION BOARD FEET.

LOOKING AHEAD IN 1986

The Task Force looks forward to addressing new forestry issues as well as acting further on continuing issues. These include:

1. U.S. FOREST SERVICE PLANNING IMPACTS ON THE WESTERN STATES, COUNTIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.
2. GRAMM - RUDMAN - HOLLINGS IMPACTS ON WESTERN FORESTS AND STATES.
3. TIMBER SALE VOLUMES FROM FEDERAL AND STATE LANDS.
4. ACID PRECIPITATION IMPACTS ON NATIONAL AND ON WESTERN FORESTS.
5. CANADIAN - U.S.A. FOREST PRODUCTS TRADE RELATIONS.
6. U.S. FOREST SERVICE BUDGET REDUCTION IMPACTS ON THE WEST.
7. OMB PROPOSAL TO REDUCE THE 25% TIMBER RECEIPTS PAID TO STATES AND COUNTIES IN LIEU OF TAXES FROM FEDERAL FORESTS.
8. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE LAND SWAP PROPOSALS.

9. WILDLIFE - FORESTRY CONFLICTS.
10. REVISION IN FEDERAL TIMBER AND FOREST LAND TAXATION POLICIES.
11. GRAZING FEES ON WESTERN PUBLIC FOREST LANDS.
12. INCREASING FOREST INSECT INFESTATIONS IN WESTERN FORESTS.
13. SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE "WORST CASE" ISSUE.
14. CONTINUE WESTERN STATE COOPERATION WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA ON FOREST MANAGEMENT, FOREST RESEARCH, AND FOREST FIRE CONTROL.
15. PESTICIDE USE FOR FOREST INSECT AND DISEASE CONTROL.
16. CLEAN AIR ACT AND CLEAN WATER ACT AMENDMENTS.
17. THE CONTINUED USE OF PRESCRIBED FIRE IN FOREST MANAGEMENT.
18. UTILIZATION OF WOOD INCLUDING USE OF BIOMASS.
19. FOREST RESEARCH.
20. WATER SUPPLIES FROM FOREST LANDS.

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

May, 1986

DUES STRUCTURE

Task Force dues are determined through a formula adopted at Spokane, Washington, November 21, 1976. This formula is based on each states' volume of standing commercial timber, plus its ability to pay based on its financial aggregates.

CURRENT ANNUAL DUES ✓

ALASKA	\$ 3,500.00	
CALIFORNIA	\$22,000.00	
IDAHO	\$ 2,750.00	
MONTANA	\$ 2,750.00	*
OREGON	\$10,115.50	*
WASHINGTON	\$ 9,000.00	*
Annual Total	\$50,115.50	

Annual - Biennial

* Dues are paid on a biennial basis

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

LISTING OF MEETINGS

<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	July 12 & 13, 1974	Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, CA
2	September 16, 1974	Hayden Lake, Idaho
3	November 18, 1974	Benson Hotel, Portland, OR
4	December 12 & 13, 1974	State Office Bldg., San Francisco, CA
5	February 23, 1975	State Capitol, Helena, Montana
6	April 26, 1975	Benson Hotel, Portland, OR
7	July 28, 1975	Edgewater Hotel, Seattle, WA
8	January 24 & 25, 1976	Hilton Hotel, Portland, OR
9	May 7 & 8, 1976	State Capitol Bldg., Sacramento, CA
10	March 22 & 23, 1976	Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
11	August 7 & 8, 1976	Rodeway Inn, Boise, Idaho
12	November 21, 1976	Davenport Hotel, Spokane, WA
13	January 29, 1977	Ramada Inn, Boise, Idaho
14	March 26 & 27, 1977	Portland, OR
15	June 4 & 5, 1977	Hyatt House, Burlingame, CA
16	August 6 & 7, 1977	Spokane, WA
17	October 28, 1977	Missoula, Montana
18	December 16, 1977	Olympia, WA
19	February 11 & 12, 1978	Newport Beach, CA
20	April 15 & 16, 1978	Edgewater Inn, Seattle, WA
21	July 8 & 9, 1978	Sheffield House, Sitka, Alaska
22	September 22 & 23, 1978	North Shore Hotel, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
23	December 8 & 9, 1978	Red Lion Motel, Portland, OR
24	February 3 & 4, 1979	Capitol Bldg., Sacramento, CA
25	March 24 - 27, 1979	Sheraton Carlton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
26	August 1 & 2, 1979	Trails End Motel, Sheridan, Wyoming
27	October 27 & 28, 1979	Red Lion Sea-Tac, Seattle, WA
28	January 18 & 19, 1980	State Capitol, Salem, OR
29	March 29 - 30, 1980	Travelodge at the Wharf, San Francisco
30	July 17 - 19, 1980	Marine View Hotel, Ketchikan, Alaska
31	October 10 - 12, 1980	The Outlaw Inn, Kalispell, Montana
32	February 28 - March 1, 1981	State Capitol Bldg., Boise, Idaho
33	May 2 - 7, 1981	The Quality Inn, Washington, D.C.
34	August 1 & 2, 1981	Jackson Hole, Wyoming
35	Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 1981	Holiday Inn at the Wharf, San Francisco, CA
36	February 12 - 14, 1982	Red Lion Motor Inn, Portland, OR
37	May 1 - 4, 1982	Quality Inn, Washington, D.C.
38	August 21 & 22, 1982	She-Atika, Sitka, Alaska
39	November 19 & 20, 1982	Red Lion Sea-Tac, Seattle, WA
40	February 18 - 20, 1983	State Capitol, Sacramento, CA
41	May 1 - 3, 1983	Bellevue Hotel, Washington, D.C.
42	July 7 - 9, 1983	Big Sky, Montana
43	October 20 & 21, 1983	Red Lion Inn at the Quay, Vancouver, WA
44	February 24 - 26, 1984	Mansion Inn, Sacramento, CA
45	March 24, 1984	Airport Sheraton Hotel, Portland, OR
46	May 13 - 15, 1984	Bellevue Hotel, Washington, D. C.
47	Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, 1984	Ingersoll Hotel, Ketchikan, Alaska

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53 April 5 - 9, 1986

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Travelodge at the Wharf, San Francisco, CA
Sheraton Hotel, Spokane, WA
Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria, B. C.
Hayden Lake, Idaho
Travelodge at the Wharf, San Francisco, CA
Bellevue Hotel and U.S. Capitol, Washington D.C.

Alaska

~~Vancouver~~

San Francisco

BYLAWS

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE (As Revised April 6, 1986)

PREAMBLE

The Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force is a group of designated state legislators, whose decisions do not necessarily bind either the legislatures or state governments of their respective states, representing Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia which shall be an associate member. Each state, by appropriate leadership, will dispatch appointed delegates to this Task Force; two delegates from its Senate and two from its House of Representatives or Assembly, plus contribution of some prorated share of funding necessary for essential actions of the Task Force and for the concomitant travel expenses of delegates.

The life and work of this Task Force are considered infinite; that is, there neither can nor should be a termination of its deliberations as long as the assurance of an adequate forest base to the West remains an issue within our nation. Individual members may come and go, as their terms of office or legislative considerations dictate, but the Task Force job of continuing contributions of public and private forests to the betterment of our country and the world must continue.

Specifically, this Task Force is charged with monitoring, on behalf of its member states, decisions of national and state executive administrations; decisions -- pending and past -- of state legislatures and of the Congress; decisions of state and federal agencies; and attitudes of all segments of society affecting the maintenance and utilization of forest lands, public and private, primarily in the West, whose fiber yield is essential to human survival, while recognizing the need to preserve and utilize a reasonable amount of our timbered land base to meet other multifaceted needs of Americans.

Finally, this Task Force is obligated to join all elements of American Society and government in actions to meet those challenges which would erode the nation's timber base for any seemingly expedient reason; to make certain that the United States will have for centuries beyond our view the productive forests to sustain its internal ecological balance, meet its recreational need, and fill its wood products demand.

1. Chair; Vice-Chair

- a. The Chair shall be elected annually to serve for a full calendar year, or until a successor is duly elected, and has such duties as the task force may authorize. Elections shall be held at the first meeting after the first of the year following state legislative elections. The Chair shall be rotated annually among the member states.

- b. The Vice-Chair shall be elected annually to serve for a full calendar year, or until a successor is duly elected, and has such duties as the Task Force may authorize or the Chair direct. The Vice-Chair shall be rotated annually among the member states.
- c. In the event that the Chair is no longer a Task Force member, the Vice-Chair shall serve until the next regular election.
- d. In the event that both the Chair and Vice-Chair are no longer Task Force members, a special provisional meeting of the quorum will be held to elect a new group of officers.
- e. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall not be representatives of the same state, nor shall either be able to succeed him or her self.
- f. The Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Task Force may be removed for just cause by unanimous vote of at least 12 members of the Task Force, with each state represented by at least one member.

2. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 25% of the membership. The determination of a quorum may be challenged by any member within ten (10) days of such determination by filing such challenge in writing with the Chair of the Policy Committee. Upon such filing, the Policy Committee shall review and determine if the challenge shall be upheld. If the challenge is not upheld by the Policy Committee within ten (10) days of the filing of same, the determination of quorum present shall stand.

3. Voting

Voting shall be by an individual member but no action on a roll call vote shall be taken unless the determination of a quorum has been made and a majority of those present vote affirmatively. Written proxies may be exercised by another member from the same state. Before any final determinative vote is taken on a resolution, any member may request, and upon such request, the resolution concerned shall be reduced to a writing. Associate membership shall not possess voting privilege.

4. Meeting Notice

Notice of all meetings of the Task Force shall be sent at least 21 days in advance of the meeting.

5. Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Task Force from those names submitted with recommendations by the members. The

Director shall serve as Secretary of the Task Force and shall perform such duties as the Chair of the Task Force may direct. The nature of the employment will remain on an independent contractor-contractee basis. The salary and its provisions are negotiable.

6. Frequency of Meetings

Meetings shall be called at the pleasure of the Chair but the Task Force shall be convened within 21 days of the demand of a majority of the member states.

7. Fiscal

Dues and contributions from member states shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Task Force. The dues will be established by the formula adopted at Spokane, Washington. The Executive Director, with the concurrence of the chair shall disburse monies therefrom for necessary expenses of the Task Force. All disbursements are to be made by check with the signature of both the Chair, or Vice Chair, and the Executive Director.

Dues or contributions from associate members shall be established by negotiation with the Task Force, and shall be handled in the same manner as all other dues and contributions.

All fiscal records of the Task Force shall be annually reviewed by a certified public accountant chosen by the Chair with a concurrence of a majority of the members. A copy of all the records shall be sent to the appropriate legislative oversight committees at the end of the fiscal year, as directed by each state delegation or associate member.

8. Policy Committee

- a. The Policy Committee shall consist of a legislator from each member state designated by the delegates from each state. The Chair shall represent his/her state on the Policy Committee.
- b. The Chair of the Task Force shall be the Chair of the Policy Committee.
- c. The action of the Policy Committee shall be limited to preparing policy statements consistent with established policy positions of the Task Force in response to issues and situations requiring action in such short time as to make a full Task Force meeting impossible. The Policy Committee may direct the Executive Director to take action in name of the entire Task Force.
- d. The Policy Committee may act by mail or phone when considered necessary by the Chair of the committee, but no action shall be taken unless four members vote affirmatively.

9. Members Attendance

Should a member miss three consecutive meetings the leadership of the appropriate state House (assembly), or Senate, will be asked either to excuse the member officially or to appoint a substitute.

REPORT EDSR99
DATE : 01/01/87
TIME : 11/23/83

OFFICE OF BUDGET & PROGRAM PLANNING
EXECUTIVE BUDGET SYSTEM
AGENCY/PROGRAM/CONTROL -- BUDGET DETAIL COMPARISONS

AGENCY : 1112 CONSUMER COUNSEL		PROGRAM : 01 ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM		CONTROL : 00000		REVISION if		REVISION if	
AE/OE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 86	BUDGET FY 87	OBPP FY 88	LFA FY 88	Salary Freeze Effectuated	OBPP FY 89	LFA FY 89	Salary Freeze Effectuated
0000	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
100	SALARIES	144,054.70	160,380	152,394	152,394	148,226	156,784	156,784	147,892
200	HOURLY WAGES		3,147						
400	EMPLOYER BENEFITS	24,615.76	23,807	21,811	22,291	22,234	22,931	23,411	22,184
500	HEALTH INSURANCE		4,800	6,000	5,520	5,520	6,000	5,520	5,520
	TOTAL LEVEL	168,670.46	192,134	180,205	180,205	175,980	185,715	185,715	175,596
023	COMMUNICATIONS-INFLATION				74			114	
100	CONTRACTED SERVICES	233,365.02	614,136	615,903	615,903		615,903	615,903	
200	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	3,076.12	1,400	3,790	3,790		3,790	3,790	
300	COMMUNICATIONS	7,063.90	9,900	9,475	9,401		8,475	8,361	
400	TRAVEL	16,229.65	22,771	22,500	22,500		22,500	22,500	
500	RENT	6,600.00	7,200	7,420	7,420		7,420	7,420	
700	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	622.76	750	2,700	2,700		2,700	2,700	
800	OTHER EXPENSES	6,669.75	3,400	7,450	7,450		7,450	7,450	
	TOTAL LEVEL	273,627.20	659,557	669,238	669,238	669,238	668,238	668,238	668,238
100	EQUIPMENT	19,018.01	1,000	2,200	2,200		2,200	2,200	
	TOTAL LEVEL	19,018.01	1,000	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
	TOTAL PROGRAM	461,315.67	852,691	851,643	851,643	847,418	856,153	856,153	846,034
12801	DEP REV CONSUMER CNCL TAX	461,315.67	852,691	851,643	851,643	847,418	856,153	856,153	846,034
	TOTAL PROGRAM	461,315.67	852,691	851,643	851,643	847,418	856,153	856,153	846,034

NOTE: Line Item 2100 Contracted Services contains \$100,000 Contingency Appropriation.

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MCC Expend History

1984

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Approp	Actual	%									
Varies	121275	116286	96%	133753	186450 8.1	95	145726	137503 8.7	94	151497	144055 4.9	95
Varies	2400	2470	103%	2000	2854	143	2100	1951	93			
	20617	20335	99%	24049	22541	94	26180	24719	94	26857	24616	92
ERU. TOT	144292	139090	96%	159802	151846	95	174006	164172	94	178354	168670	95
5 Services	400000	352899	88	445000	449076	101	496750	397598	80	640327	233365	36
	1591	883	63	1200	804	67	1300	1016	78	1350	3076	228
	7299	5833	80	6161	7374	120	7000	7302	104	8500	7064	83
	14110	14773	105	12500	14767	118	14000	9808	70	21895	16230	74
	6456	5088	79	6000	6000	100	7000	6852	98	7200	6600	92
	589	588	100	650	651	100	700	549	78	750	623	83
	2600	2583	99	2500	3275	131	2600	6140	236	3400	6670	196
P. TOT.	432445	382648	88	474611	481948	102	529350	429196	81	683422	273627	40
mb	8500	61	2	3000	3019	101	900	458	51	20000	19018	95
ALL	579237	521799	90%	636813	636813	100%	704256	593227	84%	881776	461316	52%
	604/1000			100/1000			100/1000				100/1000	
	440,605			691,166			761,809				811,768	
	2	2		2			2				2	

REVISED BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

AGENCY: COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES
DATE: 28 January 1987

AE/OE	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL REQUEST FY 1988	REVISED REQUEST FY 1988	DIFFERENCE	ORIGINAL REQUEST FY 1989	REVISED REQUEST FY 1989	DIFFERENCE
0000	FTE	4.75	3.0	1.75	4.75	3.0	1.75
1100	Salaries	111,233	60,110 ¹	(51,123)	110,939	60,110 ¹	(50,829)
1400	Benefits	16,261	8,788	(7,473)	16,486	8,788	(7,698)
1500	Health insurance	6,900	4,140	(2,760)	6,900	4,140	(2,760)
1600	Vacancy savings	(5,376)	-----	5,376	(5,373)	-----	5,373
	TOTAL	129,018	73,038	(55,980)	128,952	73,038	(55,914)
2100	Contracted services	2,061	15,000 ²	12,939	141	15,000 ²	14,859
2200	Supplies & materials	7,237	4,500	(2,737)	4,065	6,000	1,936
2300	Communications	5,165	3,500	(1,665)	5,165	3,500	(1,665)
2400	Travel	1,073	500	(573)	1,073	500	(573)
2500	Rent	5,685	4,160	(1,525)	6,321	4,160	(2,161)
2700	Repair & maint.	1,400	1,091	(309)	1,380	1,591	211
	TOTAL	22,621	28,751	6,130	18,145	30,751	12,607
	TOTAL PROGRAM	151,639	101,789	(49,850)	147,097	103,789	(43,307)

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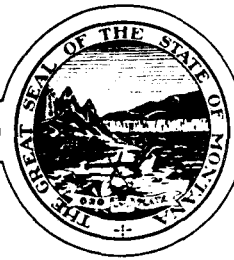
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REVISED AGENCY PROPOSAL

Budget Item	COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES				% Change 1987-89 Biennium
	Actual Fiscal 1986	Appropriated Fiscal 1987	---Current Level--- Fiscal 1988	Fiscal 1989	
F.T.E	4.75	4.75	3.00	3.00	1.75
Personal Services	\$125,198	\$123,951	\$73,038	\$73,038	-41.4
Operating Expense	\$14,503	\$12,583	\$28,751	\$30,751	119.7
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Operating Cost	\$139,701	\$136,534	\$101,789	\$103,789	-25.6
Non-Operating Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Expenditure	\$139,701	\$136,534	\$101,789	\$103,789	-25.6
Fund Sources					
General Fund	\$139,653	\$135,584	\$100,989	\$102,989	-25.9
State Special	\$48	\$950	\$800	\$800	60.3
Federal and Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Funds	\$139,701	\$136,534	\$101,789	\$103,789	-25.6

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January 29, 1987

Honorable Dennis Rehburg
Chairman
Joint Subcommittee on General
Government and Highways
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Representative Rehburg:

As I indicated in testimony before the Senate State Administration Committee on January 21, 1987 and in my brief meeting with you at noon on that day, I have reduced substantially the 1987-1989 biennial budget request for this office.

The cutback that I mentioned in the committee hearing was about \$100,000 for the biennium. The reduction envisioned is actually \$93,157.

I am pleased to send to you and your committee members the revised biennial budget request recently developed by this office. I look forward to having the opportunity again to appear before your subcommittee and to speaking to this revised budget request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

DOLORES COLBURG
Commissioner

DC/kc

Enclosure

cc: Florine Smith
Clayton Schenck

REVISED BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

AGENCY: COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES

DATE: 28 January 1987

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DATE Feb. 17, 1987

DEPARTMENT Legislative Council
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