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The thirtieth meeting of the Institutions and Culutural Education Subcommittee was called to order in room 202-A of the capitol by Chairman Miller on February 20, 1987, at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL: All members were present as were Keith Wolcott, Senior Analyst for the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA); Alice Omang, secretary; George Harris of the Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP); Carroll South of the Department of Institutions and various other guests.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 627: Tape: 30-1-A:005

Representative Strizich, District 41, said that this bill would allow the Department of Institutions, or the new Family Services Department, to establish additional programs modeled after the Youth Evaluation Program in Great Falls. He advised that the bill was originally written to limit any further evaluations of youth being done in the institutions themselves - that being Mountain View School and Pine Hills School. He indicated that they are all seeing the gravity of the problems they are having in the communities and this would be a great enhancement to the program and take the pressure off those who are dealing with young people.

PROPOSERS: Gene Huntington, proposed administrator for the Family Services Department, stated that over the years, someone is going to have to do some planning as Pine Hills is at 150 population now. He commented that this is the kind of program that they would like, i.e., a local evaluation program rather than having these youth sent to the state institutions.

There were no further proponents.

(172) OPPONENTS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON HOUSE BILL 627: (220) In answer to a question by Representative Menahan, Representative Miller replied that it would cost about \$150,000 for eight beds.

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Representative Strizich advised that, in Utah, they have managed to remove all juvenile detention from their adult jails, i.e., they have combined traditional shelter care facilities with a secured detention area. He indicated he was just talking about security with adult supervision, and not little jails.

He continued that he does have a proposal that will be going before the Taxation Committee that would place a tax on dangerous drugs in Montana, but the revenue estimates on that are still unknown, and it would be his intention to direct those funds to this particular purpose. He informed the committee that there is a 'gut' feeling among people in the field that there is a direct correlation between delinquent activity and behavior problems in children and the use of drugs and alcohol.

He explained that if a person was arrested with possession of drugs, the Department of Revenue would be notified that there were drugs in their possession, and it would be assessed according to weight or a particular market valuation, and at that point, the tax is due.


(340) DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 627: Chairman Miller said that their intention is to pass this bill and put it into Appropriations Committee with an amount on it and it will be tabled there until this other bill catches up and then they will be moved out after transmittal.

Representative Menahan moved that they DO PASS this bill with the appropriation attached. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.



REPRESENTATIVE MILLER, Chairman



Alice Omang, Secretary

DAILY ROLL CALL

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep. Miller, Chairman	✓		
Sen. Bengtson, Vice Chairman	✓		
Sen. Haffey	✓		
Sen. Tveit	✓		
Rep. Menahan	✓		
Rep. Menke	✓		