MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

February 14, 1987

The ninth meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee
met on the above date in room 108 of the State Capitol.
Senator Regan, Chairman called the meeting to order and
asked for roll call.

ROLL CALL: All members present except Senators Jacobson and
Himsl who were at a Rules Committee meeting and were
excused.

Senator Regan said Senator Himsl was at another meeting but
we would take up SB 253. Senator Himsl had prepared a
number of amendments for the bill and they are before the
committee. Senator Regan said, I will ask one of you to
move the amendments and then I will ask Mrs. Rippingale to
go over them because she went over them with Senator Himsl.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 253: Motion by Senator Boylan to
adopt the proposed amendments to SB 253.

Judy Rippingale, LFA, said, Senator Himsl's amendments take
into account a number of things the Department of
Administration wanted to do. They expanded the bill to take
into--not just state special revenue funds, but other
special revenue and proprietary funds when they reviewed
these funds. Senator Himsl has no objection to that
expansion and that is the bulk of the amendments. He
removed on page 2 and 3 a couple of the things the DOA did
not want to look at. On page 2, line 18 DOA would like to
have not looked at whether they were in compliance with
state statute, Senator Himsl that they could but he removed
with legislative intent. He is not going to make them look
at d or e. On f, just strike "earmark". That is just a
bill improvement and on page 3, h they did not want to look
at and instead on amendment 10 they wanted to look at
whether there were any restrictions against the transfer of
the bill, and that was fine with Senator Himsl.

Senator Regan said there is a technical amendment that will
follow with renumbering the subsections.

Senator Regan said the amendments had been moved, and asked
if there was any discussion.

Senator Gage questioned the statement of intent and said in
several meetings they had indicated that rather than putting

in those suggestions and intentions in the bill they would just put it in the statement of intent. I have a little problem, either we need to change the direction we are going with our statement of intent or leave this in the bill.

Senator Regan answered, I don't think the executive branch wanted to try and define what our legislative intent was in dealing with some of these accounts because it has no statement of intent, and they would maintain that they were second guessing and how could they tell what legislative intent was unless it was specifically spelled out.

Question was called, the amendments were adopted unanimously by those present.

Motion by Senator Boylan that Senate Bill 253, as amended do pass. Voted, passed, unanimous of those present.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 178: Senator Jergeson presented the amendments. He said they remove reference to general assistance being responsible for paying medical assistance for these folks in jail. The bill is still worth while according to the sponsor because it does help clarify prisoners being responsible for their own medical service. If they are not indigent, then the second 2 amendments keep the bill consistent with itself. I could support the bill either way, but the consensus of the committee yesterday was that they change the bill as these amendments outline.

Motion by Senator Jergeson the amendments be adopted.

Senator Keating asked if the chairman was opposed to the section on line 15-18--if the prisoner is considered eligible--and questioned if this was a concern of hers. Senator Regan answered that there was some concern, but her understanding in talking to MACO was that they decided that really what they are after is those prisoners that carry insurance and could well afford their own treatment and that is really the thrust of the bill and the rest as the agreement seemed to be between SRS, MACO, and others that these would do what they wanted to do, and let's try it that way.

Question was called, voted, unanimous vote to adopt the amendments.

Motion by Senator Jergeson that Senate Bill 178 do pass as amended. Voted, passed, unanimous of those present.

Senator Regan said there is one other bill which is Senator Halligan's that is in Rules where they are looking at it to see if it is an appropriation. She said we would look at that depending on what comes down from Rules.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Senator Regan, Chairman

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR HIMSL			✓
SENATOR JACOBSON			✓
SENATOR BENGTSON	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		
SENATOR HARDING	✓		
SENATOR HAFFEY	✓		
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR KEATING	✓		
SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR BOYLAN	✓		
SENATOR JERGESON	✓		
SENATOR TVEIT	✓		
SENATOR MANNING	✓		
SENATOR HAMMOND	✓		
SENATOR GAGE	✓		

SB253

1. Title, Line 6
    Following: "ACCOUNTS"
    Insert: "AND PROPRIETARY ACCOUNTS"

2. Page 1, Line 16
    Following: "state"
    Insert: "and other"
    Following: "accounts"
    Insert: "and proprietary accounts"

3. Page 1, Line 18
    Following: "state"
    Insert: "and other"
    Following: "accounts"
    Insert: "and proprietary accounts"

4. Page 1, Line 23
    Following: "state"
    Insert: "and other"

5. Page 2, Line 8
    Following: "state"
    Insert: "and other"

6. Page 2, Line 9
    Following: "accounts"
    Insert" "and proprietary accounts"

7. Page 2, Line 14
    Following: "account"
    Insert: ", other special revenue account or proprietary account"

8. Page 2, Line 18
    Following: "program"
    Insert: ";"
    Strike: Remainder of line 18 through line 21

9. Page 2, line 22
    Strike: "earmarked"

10. Page 3,
    Strike: Lines 2 through 5
    Insert: "(f) has any restrictions against the transfer of unobligated
    balances in the account to the general fund."
    Renumber: Subsections

SB178

1. Page 2, Line 15
    Following: "pay. "
    Strike: The remainder of line 15 through "assistance.", Line 18

2. Page 5, Line 9, 10
    Strike: "operated by the state"

3. Page 5, Line 11
    Strike: "operated by the state"

AMENDMENTS TO SB 128, INTRODUCED COPY, PROPOSED BY SEN. GAGE.

1. Page 1, line 17.
Strike: "or other government entity"

2. Page 1, line 18.
Strike: "law enforcement"
Insert: "criminal investigation"

3. Page 2, line 16.
Strike: "law enforcement"
Insert: "criminal investigation"

4. Page 3, line 2.
Following: line 1
Insert: "criminal"

5. Page 3, line 5.
Strike: "law enforcement"
Insert: "criminal investigation"

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 14, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on FINANCE AND CLAIMS

having had under consideration SENATE BILL No. 173

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PAYMENT OF MEDICAL EXPENSES OF PERSON HELD IN COUNTY JAIL

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE No. 173
be amended as follows:

1. Title, Line 7
   Strike: "SECTIONS"
   Insert: "SECTION"
   Strike: "AND 53-3-305"

2. Page 1, Line 15
   Following: "pay. "
   Strike: The remainder of line 15 through "assistance.", line 18

3. Page 5, Line 22 through Page 6, Line 1
   Strike: Section 3 in its entirety
   Renumber: subsequent section.

AND AS AMENDED

DO PASS

DO NOT PASS

Senator Pat Regan   Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 14, 19 87

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on ..... FINANCE AND CLAIMS ....

having had under consideration .... SENATE BILL No. 253

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Respectfully report as follows: That................................. SENATE No. 253 ....

be amended as follows:

1. Title, Line 6
    Following: "ACCOUNTS"
    Insert: "AND PROPRIETARY ACCOUNTS"

2. Page 1, Line 16
    Following: "state"
    Insert: "and other"
    Following: "accounts"
    Insert: "and proprietary accounts"

3. Page 1, Line 19
    Following: "state"
    Insert: "and other"
    Following: "accounts"
    Insert: "and proprietary accounts"

4. Page 1, Line 23
    Following: "state"
    Insert: "and other"

5. Page 2, Line 8
    Following: "state"
    Insert: "and other"

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Senator Regan   Chairman.