

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS

Call to Order: By Chairman Quilici, on January 21, 1989, at
7:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All members were present.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, LFA
Flo Smith, OBPP
Mary Liedle, secretary

Announcements/Discussion: Rep. Quilici announced that the meeting would adjourn at 8:30 a.m. because the House and Senate would convene at that time.

DISPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION: SECURITY
Tape No. 26A

Motion: Rep. Nisbet moved to accept the LFA budget.

Discussion: It was noted that there was no difference between the LFA and executive budgets.

Rep. Swysgood asked if these people actually guard the governor. Dean Blanton stated that they work in the governor's office and travel with him. Rep. Swysgood asked why they aren't under the governor's budget. Mr. Blanton said it has always been this way, perhaps because the other security for the capitol complex is under general services budget.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The motion PASSED unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION: GENERAL
SERVICES

Tape No. 26A

Motion: Sen. Tveit moved to accept the LFA budget.

Discussion: Pam Joehler explained the differences between the LFA and executive budgets.

Rep. Nisbet asked if the increase in taxes and assessments included the two new buildings that were acquired. Dean Blanton stated it only included one of the buildings.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The motion PASSED unanimously.

Motion: Rep. Nisbet moved to approve \$28,643 in FY90 and \$43,083 in FY91 for inflation in contracted services.

Discussion: There was discussion among the committee members regarding the inflation issue on contracted services. Rep. Quilici asked the agency what the projected increase in contracted services was. Dean Blanton said the new contract acquired in December came in at \$30,000 less than the one three years ago. There was then discussion as to whether that was a true indication of what future contract prices would be.

Rep. Swysgood commented that since there is a contract in place for the first year of the biennium, the committee should look at the second year when considering inflation rates. Flo Smith explained the contract that is currently in place will only go through the first six months of FY90.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The motion PASSED unanimously.

Motion: Sen. Regan moved to approve \$62,030 in FY90 for maintenance projects.

Amendments and Votes: The motion PASSED unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION: MAIL AND
DISTRIBUTION

Tape No. 26A

Motion: Rep. Swysgood moved to adopt the LFA budget.

Discussion: The three differences between the LFA and executive budgets were discussed. The three differences involve a postage rate increase, the LFA assumed a rate increase of 22.2% while the executive rate increase was 13.6%; mail volume was the second issue, the executive assumed a higher volume growth estimate than used in LFA current level and the third issue was a request for 1 FTE for an additional mail clerk.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The motion PASSED unanimously.

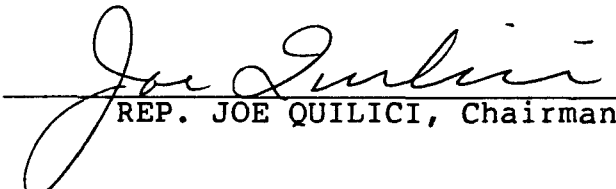
Motion: Sen. Regan moved that mail program overhead rates be decreased to 5.6% in FY90 and 2.2% in FY91 to accommodate the user agency budget deficiency and eliminate the equipment funding in FY90 to increase cash available to the mail proprietary account.

Discussion: Dean Blanton told the committee that this action would make it very difficult for his agency to operate properly because they need cash in advance to fill the postage meter. They would have to borrow money and are not sure they could pay the loan off in the same fiscal year which is a requirement of the loan.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: No action was taken on this motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 8:31 a.m.


REP. JOE QUILICI, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND HIGHWAYS SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE 11/21/89

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Representative Joe Quilici, Chair	✓		
Representative Jerry Nisbet	✓		
Representative Chuck Swysgood	✓		
Senator Larry Tveit, Vice Chair	✓		
Senator Pat Regan	✓		
Senator Lawrence Stimatz	✓		