

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman Bardanoue, on February 18, 1989, at 7:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: 19

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Representative Menahan

Staff Present: Judy Rippingale, LFA

Announcements/Discussion: Representative Bardanoue said they needed to discuss the indirect cost pool, and decide whether or not to reconsider a previous committee decision on vacancy savings.

INDIRECT COST POOL

Curt Nichols reported on the results of the work done on the Indirect Cost Pool. He had worked with the Agencies as directed by the Committee, and said this came about as a result of Senate Bill 253 which asked the Department of Administration to look over the accounting entities and see if they were properly classified by the right funds. The result was they found the accounting was inconsistent and made the recommendations the committee had looked at earlier this session. He said he had met with most of the agencies, the Legislative Auditor, and the Accounting Division, and the conclusion was there is no reason these accounts cannot be in a common entity. The agreement both of the group of centralized services directors was, if necessary it go to one fund the proprietary fund would be the best one. He said this is supported by comments of the Legislative Auditor and the Accounting Division. Mr. Nichols said, as a result, he would recommend the Proprietary account be the one used. (022)

Kathy Fabiano said she had worked with the Department of Administration at the time this was recommended, and said the inconsistency was in the manner in which they budget amend the funds. She said there are inconsistencies in the accounting entities, and felt the Legislature should look at the source of money, rather than the type of fund the money was being accounted in when looking to see if a budget amendment was appropriated. Ms. Fabiano said the Proprietary fund would not be as good for them in the OPI

and would prefer the accounts be in the general fund. She recounted the inventory, space, etc. that would have to be done to meet the requirements for the funds in OPI. She said the OPI was unique in it's funding in this respect, but could live with it. (074)

Brian McCullough, Department of Labor and Industry said his Department supports Mr. Nichol's proposal.

Ray Hoffman, Centralized Services, DHES, said they support the proposal.

Carolyn Doering, Department of Commerce said they support the proposal.

Questions from the committee: Representative Peck asked Ms. Fabiano, if you have to go to the proprietary account, how much difficulty it would cause, and Ms. Fabiano answered (112) it would involve inventory, etc. Representative Bardanouve asked if she did it once and established the formula the extra work was finished, and the accounting could be done without difficulty, and was told, yes.

Ms. Ripplingale complimented Mr. Nichols on the task, and told the committee he had done a good job.

Motion: Motion by Representative Thoft to support the recommendations of the LFA.

Recommendation and Vote: Voted, passed, unanimous of those present.

VACANCY SAVINGS

Representative Bardanouve said he had been in favor of Vacancy Savings, and had voted before to take them. He noted there was a difference between taking vacancy savings and not doing so between the Executive and the Appropriations Committee, and explained the work involved if a change would be made at a later, date, in pulling out and changing all the funding. He indicated he would like the committee to reaffirm or overturn their previous decision.

Motion: by Representative Thoft to reconsider the previous action taken on no vacancy savings.

Some discussion was held on what would have to be done if this were changed, assumptions these figures were based on, positions being filled by a subcommittee that had been vacant for 2 years, scrutinizing these positions by the subcommittees, and agencies having to justify them.

Recommendation and Vote: The committee voted on the Amendment for reconsideration by Rep. Thoft. Voted, roll call vote, 9

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voting aye, 11 noting nay. (Representative Menahan had left his vote with the committee) Motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 7:35 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bardanouve", written over a horizontal line.

REP. FRANCIS BARDANOUE, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

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COMMITTEE

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Date

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REPRESENTATIVE BARDANOUVE	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE SPAETH	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE PECK	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE IVERSON	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE SWIFT	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE QUILICI	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE BRADLEY	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE PETERSON	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE MARKS	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE CONNELLY	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE MENAHAN		✓	
REPRESENTATIVE THOFT	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE KADAS	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE SWYSGOOD	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE KIMBERLEY	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE NISBET	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE COBB	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE GRINDE	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE CODY	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE GRADY	✓		

ROLL CALL VOTE

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NAME	AYE	NAY
REPRESENTATIVE SPAETH		✓
REPRESENTATIVE PECK		✓
REPRESENTATIVE IVERSON	✓	
REPRESENTATIVE SWIFT	✓	
REPRESENTATIVE OUILICI		✓
REPRESENTATIVE BRADLEY		✓
REPRESENTATIVE PETERSON	✓	
REPRESENTATIVE MARKS	✓	
REPRESENTATIVE CONNELLY		✓
REPRESENTATIVE MENAHAN		✓
REPRESENTATIVE THOFT	✓	
REPRESENTATIVE KADAS		✓
REPRESENTATIVE SWYSGOOD	✓	
REPRESENTATIVE KIMBERLEY		✓
REPRESENTATIVE NISBET		✓
REPRESENTATIVE COBB		✓
REPRESENTATIVE GRINDE	✓	
REPRESENTATIVE CODY		✓
REPRESENTATIVE GRADY	✓	
REPRESENTATIVE BARDANOUE	✓	

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Sylvia Kinsey
 Secretary

Representative Bardanouve
 Chairman

MOTION: Motion to Reconsider Vacancy Savings
Thoft action

Motion failed

(Rep. Menahan left his vote)