

**LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

JANUARY 3, 1989

The Senate Legislative Administration Committee met on January 3, 1989, in Room 331 at 3:30. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Senator Tom Rasmussen.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

STATIONARY AND NOTEPADS: Ralph Erving, Business Manager, asked the advise of the committee regarding stationary and notepads.

MOTION: A motion was made by Senator Story to charge for notepads, if the senator had already received personalized stationary, otherwise the notepads would be free. Motion carried.

TYPEWRITERS: Ralph asked whether or not the committee wished to repair the nonworking typewriters.

It was pointed out that the staff is not weaning away from the typewriters as quickly as hoped.

Senator Mazurek stated that the staff needs to wean away from the typewriters in order for the computer system to work to the fullest. He commented that he would hate to see the secretaries rely on the typewriters very much.

Senator Blaylock stated that three years ago the Senate spent \$8,000 to repair the typewriters, there are still 27 machines still in good working order. There is no need to recondition the nonworking machines.

Motion: A motion was made by Senator Mazurek to not recondition the nonworking machines but keep all of the machines and store them. Senator Story seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DICTAPHONES: The Senate rented 5 dictaphones at the beginning of the session. Three were received and two were backordered. Ralph reported that Shirley Herrin, the Chief Steno, would like to have a total of ten dictaphones for use by the staff.

John Larson, Secretary of the Senate, stated that it is not necessary to have more dictaphones. The machines can be shared. A committee secretary could use one for a meeting and then return it to the steno pool for use by someone else.

Motion: A motion was made by Senator Mazurek to give John Larson the authority to decide whether or not the Senate needs more dictaphones, keeping in mind the efficiency of the senate. Motion was seconded by Senator Crippen. Motion carried.

PARKING: Senator Crippen brought up the question of parking. He stated that he had visited with some of the House Leadership concerning his proposal. He proposed that House staff park in the front of the capitol with the representatives and that the Senate staff park in back with the senators. He further suggested that the Secretary of State park in front with the representatives. Senator Crippen stated that both the House and the Senate would benefit by his suggestion. The Senate leadership[would also park in back with the senators.

Ralph Erving, Business Manager, asked if there was some way that two of the Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms could have a couple of more parking spaces. He stated that in past sessions the Business Manager had a special parking place. Much discussion was held.

Motion: A motion was made by Senator Blaylock to leave the parking the same as last session, however, add two spaces across the street for the Sgt.-at-Arms office and the Business Manager. Motion carried with all voting "yea" with the exception of Senator Crippen who voted "no".

SECURITY: Earl Moritz, Sgt.-at-Arms, asked about security for the senate in the evening. Senator Blaylock announced that last session the House provided extra security for the senate after 10. p.m. The senate does their own staffing until 10 p.m. and after 7 a.m. The House will be approached about the same kind of arrangement this session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Senator Blaylock announced that Jorgenson's was going to give away some benches and the Senate was the recipient. These are now located outside of the Local Government Committee Room.



SENATOR TOM RASMUSSEN, CHAIRMAN

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