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MONTANA SENATE 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Farrell, on January 3, 1989, at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Eddy McClure

Announcements/Discussion: Chairman Farrell introduced the staff to the committee members and announced that he is the Majority Whip. Chairman Farrell then announced that a hearing on SB9 has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 1989.

Chairman Farrell then pointed out a problem regarding amendments to controversial bills. He suggested that the committee adopt amendments "in purpose", and allow the Legislative Council to write and/or make corrections in the amendments.

Chairman Farrell then announced the next hearing will be held Friday, January 6, 1989. Three bills will be heard. He indicated that an attempt will be made to schedule three bills for hearing each day, and that every effort will be made to give three days notice of hearings. In addition, Chairman Farrell suggested the Committee take Executive Action the same day, on non-controversial bills, unless a committee member objects.

Also on January 4, the committee will hear the Governor's appointments. Chairman Farrell announced that a member of the Governor's staff will be in attendance to answer any questions regarding nominees. Senator Rapp-Svrcek asked if the nominees will be in attendance, and Chairman Farrell indicated that some of the nominees will be, and that an invitation can be extended for all of them to attend. Senator Bengston asked if the nominees will be present when the report is made back to the Committee. Chairman Farrell indicated this has not occurred in the past.

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There was discussion regarding the procedure for presenting the appointments. Chairman Farrell indicated there have been some problems in presenting them on a joint resolution, and the appointments can be separated out, if problems arise.

Senator Rasmussen indicated he felt the nominees should be brought in on controversial appointments. Chairman Farrell pointed out that this is the reason a member of the Governor's staff has been invited to attend.

There was general discussion regarding the Committee's hearing times. Chairman Farrell reported that the Committee on State Administration will meet Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. in room 331. Senator Bengston suggested that some conflicts with other meetings can occur. Chairman Farrell acknowledged this, and indicated that committee members can make their decision on which meeting to attend, based on the importance of each.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 10:15 a.m.


WILLIAM E. FARRELL, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
HUBERT ABRAMS	✓		
JOHN ANDERSON, JR.	✓		
ESTHER BENGTON	✓		
WILLIAM E. FARRELL	✓		
ETHEL HARDING	✓		
SAM HOFMAN	✓		
PAUL RAPP-SVRCEK	✓		
TOM RASMUSSEN	✓		
ELEANOR VAUGHN	✓		