

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Senator Tom Rasmussen, on January 4,
1989, at 3:15 in Room 331 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Senators Rasmussen, Story, Crippen, and
Blaylock.

Members Excused: Senator Joe Mazurek

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

HEARING ON HB 48

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Jack Ramirez of House District 87, chief sponsor of House Bill No. 48, gave a brief summary of the bill. House Bill No. 48 is an act to authorize legislators to select an alternative method of remuneration during a legislative session and providing an immediate effective date and a retroactive applicability date.

Representative Ramirez stated that House Bill 48 was introduced to help Representative Boharski. House Bill 48 guarantees that Representative Boharski will not have to forfeit his medical benefits because he receives expense reimbursement as a legislator.

Representative Boharski learned shortly after being elected that the \$50 per day expense reimbursements paid him during the session would be regarded as unearned income preventing him from receiving his annual medical benefits. This gives legislators the option of treating their expense allowance as salary. If this bill is not passed Representative Boharski would have to resign his seat in the House.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

None

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members:

Senator Crippen asked how this bill would affect the other 149 legislators.

Representative Ramirez stated that this would not have any affect on the other legislators in any way.

Senator Crippen asked if the legislators would be at the mercy of the IRS in their interpretation of HB 48.

Representative Ramirez stated that this does not change income tax liability only social security. This does not affect the bottom line.

Senator Brown stated that this could cause some legislators to select this option to increase their social security base.

Representative Ramirez agree that this could be a possibility.

Closing by Sponsor:

Representative Ramirez closed.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 48

Discussion: None

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote:

A motion was made by Senator Story that House Bill 48 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 3:15

Tom Rasmussen

SENATOR TOM RASMUSSEN, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
TOM RASMUSSEN, CHRM.	✓		
PETE STORY, V. CHRM.	✓		
CHET BLAYLOCK	✓		
BRUCE CRIPPEN	✓		
JOE MAZUREK			✓

Each day attach to minutes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 4, 1989

Mr. President: We, the committee on Legislative Administration report that HB 48 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in.

Signed: Tom Rasmussen

TOM RASMUSSEN, Chairman