

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Senator Tom Rasmussen, on January 26, 1989, at 4:00 p.m. in the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bob Person, Director of the Legislative Council, and Elaine Graveley, Committee Secretary.

Announcements/Discussion: None

HEARING ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Elmer Severson of Senate District 32, the chief sponsor of SJR 2, gave a brief summary of the bill. This is a joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana to send delegates to the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force.

Senator Severson handed out written testimony regarding this resolution. (See Exhibit #1) The Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force was organized in 1974. It consists of two state senators and two state representatives from Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Most of the state delegates represent rural-forested areas. The Province of Alberta also joined as an associate member early in 1988. Both Canadian provinces are represented by their respective forest ministers.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

Senator Bob Brown of Senate District No. 2
Representative Bernie Swift of House District 64
Kara Ricketts representing the Montana Wood Products

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

Senator Bob Brown of Senate District No. 2, a charter member of the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force stood in support of the resolution. He stated that he felt that the Task force is very valuable to those living in the western states. One of the common bonds of the Task Force is the significant federal land ownership within each represented state.

Representative Bernie Swift of House District No. 64, a member of the Task Force, stood in support of the resolution. He stated that the Task Force was involved in the trade agreement with Canada. He feels very strongly about Montana staying involved with the Task Force. Federal policy and land management decisions can substantially influence the economic and social structures of state, and particularly those with large federal ownerships.

Kara Ricketts, representing the Montana Wood Products, stood in support of the resolution. She stated that it is a definite asset to the people of Montana to belong to the Task Force.

Questions From Committee Members:

Senator Blaylock asked about the cost of belonging to this organization. Senator Severson replied that the dues are determined through a formula adopted at Spokane, Washington in 1976. This formula is based on each state's volume of standing commercial timber, plus its ability to pay based on its financial aggregates. Montana's dues are \$2,750. paid on a biennial basis.

Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Severson closed. He asked the committee to look favorably upon this resolution.

DISPOSITION OF SJR 2

Discussion:Amendments and Votes:

Recommendation and Vote: The committee was polled at a later date and voted unanimously to give Senate Joint Resolution 2 a DO PASS recommendation.

SPEAKERS: A memo was read from Senator Williams asking for a speaker for the House and Senate proceedings to be located in Room 10-A. This room provides office space for five senators and is very accessible to other senators, is convenient to several press people and many lobbyists who are in the area from time to time. The installation would require less than 3 feet of wire and a speaker. The wire would come from EQC directly through the ceiling into 10-A.

Senator Blaylock stated that is the committee would do this, then everyone would ask that it be added to their offices.

A motion was made by Senator Blaylock to deny the request of Senator Williams. Motion carried unanimously.

DICTAPHONES: Senator Blaylock stated that the hand held dictaphones are in short supply in the Steno Pool.

A motion was made by Senator Blaylock to buy five more hand held dictaphones, not to exceed a total of \$350. Motion carried.

SOUND SYSTEM: Telecommunications will report next week on the sound system design.

PHONES: It was reported that the public is having a problem getting through on the phones lines. This would be a good issue for joint meeting.

REQUEST FOR A JOINT RESOLUTION: John Kinna from the Lt. Governor's Office asked that the committee request a joint resolution for bronzes or appropriate plaques and also a time capsule to commemorate Montana's Centennial.

A motion was made by Senator Mazurek that the committee request the Legislative Council to draft a joint resolution regarding the same. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 5:15 p.m.



SENATOR TOM RASMUSSEN, Chairman

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 7, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Legislative Administration, having had under consideration SJR 2 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that SJR 2 do pass.

DO PASS

Signed: _____

Tom Rasmussen
Tom Rasmussen, Chairman

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H.A.M.

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

Established 1974

EXHIBIT # 1
1/26/89 SJR 2

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January 16, 1989

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE (BACKGROUND PAPER)



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Senator Terry Sverdsten

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Senator Ray Lybeck

Representative Bernie Swift

Representative Bob Ream

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Senator Bob Brogitt

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Representative Doug Sayan

Representative Simeon "Sim" Wilson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

James B. Corlett

The Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force was organized in 1974. It consists of two state senators and two state representatives (assemblymen) from Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington legislatures. Most of the state delegates represent rural-forested areas. The current chairman is Representative Richard Adams of Idaho. In 1986, the Canadian province of British Columbia joined the Task Force as an associate member. The Province of Alberta also joined as an associate member early in 1988. Both Canadian provinces are represented by their respective forest ministers.

The Task Force objectives include monitoring federal executive administration natural resource decisions, those of the Congress, the state legislatures, and the attitudes of all segments of society affecting the maintenance and utilization of public and private forest lands, primarily in the West; while recognizing the need to preserve and utilize a reasonable amount of the timbered land base to meet other needs. One of the common bonds of the Task Force states is the significant federal land ownership within each state. Federal policy and land management decisions can substantially influence the economic and social structures of states, and particularly those with large federal ownerships.

PERCENTAGE OF FEDERALLY-OWNED LAND IN STATES THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE(1)

State	Percent Owned By U.S. Government(2)
ALASKA	85.85
CALIFORNIA	47.79
IDAHO	63.74
MONTANA	29.09
OREGON	49.72
WASHINGTON	29.06

(1) U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, PUBLIC LAND STATISTICS 1985 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1985), p.5.

(2) Excludes Trust Properties.


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The Task Force has sought to influence federal policy by initiating unified state action to national forest related issues. Annually or semiannually one of its four yearly meetings is held in Washington, D.C. There it has been received by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior, the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and Presidential assistants. Its members have made numerous personal and written contacts with the Congressional delegations from each Task Force state, with appropriate Congressional committees and with key administration officials on current subject matters of concern. In April 1988, in Washington, D.C., the Task Force hosted a luncheon in the U.S. Senate for Senators and Congressmen to hear the Honorable Allen Gotlieb; Canadian Ambassador to the United States discuss the Canada/USA Free Trade Agreement. It also honored Senator John Stennis for his support for agricultural and forestry research at land grant colleges. It honored Senator Mark Hatfield in 1986, for his support of forest insect control.

Some of the issues upon which the Task Force has acted include: RARE II; Clean Air Act Amendments, Alaska Land Allocation; USFS budgets for reforestation, timber management, state and private forestry; long-range weather forecasting; uses of forest chemicals; cooperative forest fire funding; the National Forest Multiple Use Management Act; funding for the Forest and Range Renewable Resources Planning Act; economic criteria for determining federal timber harvest schedules; oversight hearings on the National Environmental Planning Act; Corps of Engineers authority to regulate dredge and fill; federal payments to states for lost revenues due to federal ownership of lands; forest insect research; USFS road funding policy; spotted owl; Tongass National Forest; salvage timber sales; Canadian lumber imports; national forest planning; Gramm-Rudman Act; forest land taxes; international border forest fire cooperation; and funding for emergency insect and disease outbreaks; support for vigorous U.S. forest service timber sales and road access programs; funding for applied fire management research; elimination of Japanese tariffs on U.S. softwood plywood imports; allow transport of forest products to east and gulf coast ports on other than U.S. flag vessels; appropriations for the McIntire-Stennis forestry research program; modification of application of even-flow timber sale policy to better meet marketplace and forest community needs; federal reimbursement authority for utilizing fire fighting resources regardless of jurisdiction (Canada); support for retention of the present 25% formula for timber sale receipt payments to the states and local governments;] etc.... Over one hundred such issues have received major Task Force attention and action.

For more information, please contact any Task Force member or the Task Force office in Portland, Oregon.


James B. Corlett
Executive Director

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WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

LISTING OF MEETINGS

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<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	July 12 & 13, 1974	Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, CA
2	September 16, 1974	Hayden Lake, Idaho
3	November 18, 1974	Benson Hotel, Portland, OR
4	December 12 & 13, 1974	State Office Bldg., San Francisco, CA
5	February 23, 1975	State Capitol, Helena, Montana
6	April 26, 1975	Benson Hotel, Portland, OR
7	July 28, 1975	Edgewater Hotel, Seattle, WA
8	January 24 & 25, 1976	Hilton Hotel, Portland, OR
9	May 7 & 8, 1976	State Capitol Bldg., Sacramento, CA
10	March 22 & 23, 1976	Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
11	August 7 & 8, 1976	Rodeway Inn, Boise, Idaho
12	November 21, 1976	Davenport Hotel, Spokane, WA
13	January 29, 1977	Ramada Inn, Boise, Idaho
14	March 26 & 27, 1977	Portland, OR
15	June 4 & 5, 1977	Hyatt House, Burlingame, CA
16	August 6 & 7, 1977	Spokane, WA
17	October 28, 1977	Missoula, Montana
18	December 16, 1977	Olympia, WA
19	February 11 & 12, 1978	Newport Beach, CA
20	April 15 & 16, 1978	Edgewater Inn, Seattle, WA
21	July 8 & 9, 1978	Sheffield House, Sitka, Alaska
22	September 22 & 23, 1978	North Shore Hotel, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
23	December 8 & 9, 1978	Red Lion Motel, Portland, OR
24	February 3 & 4, 1979	Capitol Bldg., Sacramento, CA
25	March 24 - 27, 1979	Sheraton Carlton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
26	August 1 & 2, 1979	Trails End Motel, Sheridan, Wyoming
27	October 27 & 28, 1979	Red Lion Sea-Tac, Seattle, WA
28	January 18 & 19, 1980	State Capitol, Salem, OR
29	March 29 - 30, 1980	Travelodge at the Wharf, San Francisco
30	July 17 - 19, 1980	Marine View Hotel, Ketchikan, Alaska
31	October 10 - 12, 1980	The Outlaw Inn, Kalispell, Montana
32	February 28 - March 1, 1981	State Capitol Bldg., Boise, Idaho <i>Bob B...</i>
33	May 2 - 7, 1981 <i>Bob B...</i>	The Quality Inn, Washington, D.C.
34	August 1 & 2, 1981	Jackson Hole, Wyoming
35	Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 1981	Holiday Inn at the Wharf, San Francisco, CA
36	February 12 - 14, 1982	Red Lion Motor Inn, Portland, OR
37	May 1 - 4, 1982	Quality Inn, Washington, D.C.
38	August 21 & 22, 1982	She-Atika, Sitka, Alaska
39	November 19 & 20, 1982 <i>Robert</i>	Red Lion Sea-Tac, Seattle, WA
40	February 18 - 20, 1983	State Capitol, Sacramento, CA <i>Robert H</i>
41	May 1 - 3, 1983	Bellevue Hotel, Washington, D.C.
42	July 7 - 9, 1983	Big Sky, Montana
43	October 20 & 21, 1983 <i>Robert H</i>	Red Lion Inn at the Quay, Vancouver, WA <i>Die K & Th...</i>
44	February 24 - 26, 1984	Mansion Inn, Sacramento, CA
45	March 24, 1984	Airport Sheraton Hotel, Portland, OR
46	May 13 - 15, 1984	Bellevue Hotel, Washington, D. C.
47	Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, 1984	Ingersoll Hotel, Ketchikan, Alaska

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48	November 30-December 2, 1984	Travelodge at the Wharf, San Francisco, CA
49	March 9 & 10, 1985	Sheraton Hotel, Spokane, WA
50	June 20 & 21, 1985	Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria, B.C.
51	October 5 & 6, 1985	Hayden Lake, Idaho
52	December 7 & 8, 1985	Travelodge at the Wharf, San Francisco, CA
53	April 5-9, 1986	Bellevue Hotel and U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.
54	July 11-15, 1986	Fairbanks-Anchorage, Alaska
55	October 4-6, 1986	Vancouver, B.C.
56	December 12-14, 1986	Travelodge at the Wharf, San Francisco, CA
57	March 13-15, 1987	Valley River Inn, Eugene, OR
58	June 26-28, 1987	Village Red Lion Inn, Missoula, MT
59	September 18-20, 1987	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
60	January 8-10, 1988	Carmel Mission Inn, Carmel, CA
61	April 8-13, 1988	Bellvue Hotel, Washington, D.C.
62	June 16-19, 1988	Red Lion, Port Angeles, WA
63	September 16-18, 1988	Ramada Inn, Lewiston, ID

PROJECTED MEETINGS

64	December 9-11, 1988	Executive Inn, Victoria, B.C., Canada
65	March 10-12, 1989	California (Place to be determined)
66	July 1989	Alaska (Summer)
67	October 1989	Montana (Fall)
68	January 1990	California (Winter)
69	April 1990	Alberta (Spring or Summer)

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

Established 1974

September 8, 1988



TO: TASK FORCE MEMBERS
FROM: Jim Corlett

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Resolution Number

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88-16

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Representative Bob Brogoitti
Representative Bernie Agrons

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Representative Doug Sayan

(not available at time of this mailing)

WASHINGTON

Senator Scott Barr
Senator Patrick McMullen
Representative Doug Sayan
Representative Simeon "Slim" Wilson

*Will request support of the body as a whole to consider the resolution that will be distributed at Lewiston. It will deal with Olympia Mountain beaver research funding previously approved by the Task Force in enclosed resolution 87-1. Information was not available prior to the normal two-week advance time period for Task Force resolutions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

James B. Corlett

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE

December 11, 1987

DUES STRUCTURE

Task Force dues are determined through a formula adopted at Spokane, Washington, November 21, 1976. This formula is based on each state's volume of standing commercial timber, plus its ability to pay based on its financial aggregates.

CURRENT ANNUAL DUES

ALASKA	\$ 3,500.00
ALBERTA	\$ 4,176.29
BRITISH COLUMBIA	\$ 4,176.29
CALIFORNIA	\$22,000.00
IDAHO	\$ 2,750.00
MONTANA	\$ 2,750.00*
OREGON	\$10,115.50*
WASHINGTON	<u>\$ 9,000.00*</u>
ANNUAL TOTAL:	<u>\$58,468.08</u>

*Dues are paid on a biennial basis.

WESTERN STATES LEGISLATIVE FORESTRY TASK FORCE
SIXTY THIRD MEETING, RAMADA INN, LEWISTON, IDAHO
SEPTEMBER 16-18, 1988

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - TRAVEL TO RAMADA INN, LEWISTON, IDAHO

2:30 P.M. Depart Ramada Inn in transportation provided by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

JETBOAT TRIP UP WORLD FAMOUS HELL'S CANYON OF THE SNAKE RIVER (HOSTED BY THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME). REFRESHMENTS AND DINNER WILL BE SERVED.

Early Evening Return to Lewiston and Ramada Inn.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:15 A.M. Depart Ramada Inn by bus for field trip to Potlatch Corporation, the largest forest products complex in Idaho. Visit computerized sawmill - completely rebuilt last year, large forest nursery, and learn how Potlatch practices intensive forestry to improve growth rates on its forest lands. Host will be Todd Maddock, Public Affairs Director.

10:45 A.M. Arrive Port of Lewiston. See berthing areas and facilities for shipping containers, forest products and grain. Cargos go by barge to Columbia River ports such as Portland, Oregon, Vancouver and Kelso, Washington. Learn about Snake-Columbia River navigation through all the dams. Host will be Dale Aldridge, Manager, Port of Lewiston.

12:15 P.M. Arrive at Williams Convention Center, Lewis and Clark State College. Luncheon provided through courtesy of Lewis and Clark State College, Dr. Lee Vickers, President and host. Dr. Vickers will show a brief tape of highlights of the college's most recent International Conference, featuring Australia - New Zealand. Next year's annual conference will feature Canada.

1:30 P.M. Brief recess prior to beginning of public meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (continued)

- 1:30 P.M. SPOUSES TOUR TO NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK. This Nez Perce Indian Park is located at Spalding, Idaho, 11 miles east of Lewiston on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation. The museum exhibits interpret Nez Perce history and culture and the influences of western expansion into their homeland. There is a self-guided tour of the 1838-47 Spaulding Mission site. Transportation and guidance provided courtesy of Lewis and Clark State College. (Tour will depend upon amount of spouse interest.)
- 4:00 P.M. Spouses tour returns to Ramada Inn.

TASK FORCE PUBLIC MEETING
LEWIS AND CLARK STATE COLLEGE
WILLIAMS CONVENTION CENTER
SEPTEMBER 17, 1988
1:45 P.M.

AGENDA

- 1:45 - 2:10 P.M. JOHN C. HENDEE, Dean, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow - "LEADERSHIP ISSUES IN NATURAL RESOURCES."
- 2:10 - 3:15 P.M. F.W. (FRED) MC DOUGALL, Deputy Minister, Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, Province of Alberta, Canada, Edmonton - "ALBERTA TIMBER SUPPLY AND RECENT FOREST INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY INCREASES."
- 3:15 - 3:30 P.M. Coffee break.
- 3:30 - 4:10 P.M. JOHN M. HUGHES, Deputy Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, Missoula, Montana - "PERSPECTIVES OF FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTION TO IDAHO TIMBER SUPPLY."
- 4:10 - 4:30 P.M. JOE HINSON, Executive Vice-President, Intermountain Forest Industry Association, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho - "MACRO AND MICRO VIEWS OF TIMBER SUPPLY."
- 4:30 - 4:50 P.M. STAN HAMILTON, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, Boise - "THE STATE OF IDAHO CONTRIBUTION TO THE TIMBER SUPPLY."
- 4:50 - 5:10 P.M. ALLEN J. WEST, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C., - "NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE OF USA FORESTRY."
- 5:10 - 5:30 P.M. TERRY SVERDSTEN, State Senator, Calaldo, Idaho - "IDAHO LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR REVISION OF LAND ACREAGE GRANTED TO IDAHO AT STATEHOOD."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (continued)

- 5:30 P.M. Adjourn
- 6:15 - 7:00 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR - GOVERNOR'S SUITE, RAMADA INN, MEMBERS, SPEAKERS, INTERESTED GUESTS AND ALL SPOUSES. (Hosted by Idaho Forest Industry - H.W. "Skip" White, Executive Secretary, Associated Logging Contractors, Inc. - Coordinator.)
- 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. DINNER - GOVERNOR'S SUITE, RAMADA INN, MEMBERS, SPEAKERS, INTERESTED GUESTS, AND ALL SPOUSES. (Hosted by Idaho Forest Industry - H.W. "Skip" White, Executive Secretary, Associated Logging Contractors, Inc. - Coordinator.)
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 7:30 A.M. TASK FORCE MEMBERS BREAKFAST BUSINESS MEETING, PORT 3 ROOM, RAMADA INN - ALL MEMBERS AND SPECIFICALLY INVITED GUESTS. (Hosted by the Task Force)
- The agenda is printed separately.
- 10:30 A.M. Adjourn
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NEXT MEETING

Victoria, British Columbia, December 9-11, 1988, Executive House Hotel, one block from the Empress and Harbour. The B.C. Ministry of Forests and Lands will host the meeting.

A RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force:

WHEREAS, the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force recognizes and appreciates the necessity of immediately addressing and reducing the federal deficit by the reduction of federal spending, including some cuts in transfer payments to the states for public education support and land grant universities; and

WHEREAS, Congress has adopted the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act which will in all probability permanently cut federal payments to western states; and

WHEREAS, the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force is willing to accept cuts which equally impact on all of the states and which will require all states to increasingly shoulder the responsibilities for funding of necessary programs, including public education, with state-level revenue; and

WHEREAS, the economic and tax base of the western states is not as fully developed as necessary to provide maximum support for education as is the case in other states which do not experience large federal land ownership within their boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Federal Forest Reserve Funds and Impact Aid Funds (P.L. 874) payments to western public schools could be reduced or eliminated by Congress or the automatic cuts in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act; and

WHEREAS, federal "in lieu of" tax payments funds, which previously supported public education and other state and local government functions based on this federal ownership acreage, are also proposed for reduction or elimination; and

WHEREAS, the western states, working with all potentially affected lessees and adjacent owners to avoid or minimize economic, recreational, or other impacts, are prepared to assist the Federal Government in selecting appropriate sections of land for transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force, that Congress, with the advice of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, authorize the transfer of two additional sections per township from federal lands to the member states of the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force for state ownership and for the sole and exclusive purpose of supporting public schools and institutions of higher education in the western states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, the congressional delegations representing the states comprising the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force in the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior of the United States, and the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States.

Montana State Senate

1-26-89

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Senator Tom Rasmussen, Chairman
Legislative Administration Committee

I have been excused to attend a funeral today and will be unable to appear before your committee meeting today.

I would like to request a speaker for the House and Senate proceedings to be located in room 10-A.

This room provides office space for 5 Senators and is very accessible to other Senators, is convenient to several press people and many lobbyists who are in the area from time to time.

The installation would require less than 3' of wire and a speaker. The wire from EQC directly through the ceiling into 10-A.

It appears to me that the House and Senate proceedings are of more importance to members of the legislature and their staff than to the EQC.

Sincerely,

Senator Bob Williams

