

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE  
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Senator Tom Rasmussen, on March 6, 1989,  
at 5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

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

Announcements/Discussion: None

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL NO. 496

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Jerry Nisbet of House District No. 35, the chief sponsor of House Bill No. 496, gave a brief summary of the bill. House Bill No. 496 is an act to establish a mechanism for coordinated computer system planning in the Legislative Branch; and providing an immediate effective date. Representative Nisbet stated that House Bill No. 65, the "Feed Bill", contains a section regarding Computer System Planning which states that it is the intent of the Legislature that money appropriated within may be used for the expansion or enhancement of computer equipment or systems only in accordance with a plan developed jointly by the House, the Senate, and other agencies of the legislative branch. It is the further intent of the legislature that the legislative branch be developed in cooperation with the department of Administration to enhance compatibility with the long-term plan for state government. House Bill No. 496 provides a mechanism to come up with that plan as named in the feed bill. Representative Nisbet went through each section of the bill.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

Bob Person, Executive Director of the Legislative Council

Senator Chet Blaylock - former chairman of the Senate Legislative Administration Committee

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

Bob Person, Executive Director of the Legislative Council, stood in support of the bill. He stated that it is essential to have some formal mechanism in place. He stated further that this bill is not in response to anything in particular.

Senator Chet Blaylock of Senate District 43 stood in support of the bill. He congratulated Representative Nisbet for picking up on the need for coordination. The more compatibility built into the system the better. Senator Blaylock was the chairman of the Legislative Administration Committee when the present Senate system was put into place.

Questions From Committee Members:

None

Closing by Sponsor: Representative Nisbet closed.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 496

Discussion:

Senator Blaylock stated that he would like to see the bill put back into its original state. He further stated that the chairman of the committee should be an elected member of either the House or the Senate.

Senator Mazurek stated that he felt that the elected members should make up a majority of the committee.

Senator Blaylock stated that perhaps the committee

should be made up only of members of the different committees.

Senator Crippen suggested that the committee should be members of the Joint Legislative Committee.

Senator Story stated that the representatives and senators need to be the ones making the final decisions. He also stated his concern regarding compatibility, as not all of the agencies have the same needs.

Senator Blaylock stated that the reason for the bill is that when the Senate put in their system there was a struggle between the involved groups.

Senator Mazurek suggested that the bill be put into a subcommittee for further study. Senator Rasmussen stated that he would like to take executive action on the bill today.

Amendments and Votes: Senator Blaylock suggested that the bill be amended to take the bill back to its original form. The motion was later withdrawn.

Senator Crippen stated that he disagreed with the amendments offered by Senator Blaylock as there would be more nonvoting members than voting members on the committee.

A motion was made by Senator Crippen that the chairman and one other member from each Legislative Administration Committee from the opposite party of the chairman be on the committee. He offered a further amendment which would make the chairman and vice chairman of the committee be elected from among its legislators. Motions carried unanimously.

Senator Story offered an amendment which would make only the legislators as voting members. Motion carried.

Recommendation and Vote:

A motion was made by Senator Crippen that HB 496 BE CONCURRED IN as amended. Motion was carried unanimously.

SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

A letter was handed out to all of those present regarding a sound system for the hard of hearing. This matter will be taken up at a later meeting when there is more time.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 7:10 p.m.



SENATOR TOM RASMUSSEN, Chairman

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 7, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Legislative Administration, having had under consideration HB 496 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 496 be amended and as so amended be concurred in:

Sponsor: Nisbet (Rasmussen)

1. Page 2, line 22.  
Following: "council."  
Insert: "(1)"
2. Page 2, line 24.  
Strike: "(1)"  
Insert: "(a)"  
Renumber: subsequent subsections
3. Page 3, lines 5 through 7.  
Following: "houses" on line 5  
Strike: "," on line 5 through "CHAIRMAN" on line 7  
Insert: "and one other member of each legislative administration committee from the opposite party of the chairman"
4. Page 3, lines 8 and 9.  
Following: "council" on line 8  
Strike: "," on line 8 through "council" line 9.
5. Page 3, lines 17 and 18.  
Following: "DEPARTMENT" on line 17  
Strike: "L" on line 17 through "COUNCIL" on line 18
6. Page 3, line 19.  
Following: line 18  
Insert: "(2) Only legislators will be voting members. A chairman and vice chairman will be chosen from among the legislators on the committee."

AND AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Tom Rasmussen*

Tom Rasmussen, Chairman

*4/10  
3/17/89  
3:30 p.m.*

HB 496

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AMENDMENTS FOR HOUSE BILL 496

1. Page 3, line 5.

Following: "two houses"

Strike: remainder of (3)

Insert: "and one other member of each Legislative Administration Committee from the opposite party of the chairman"

2. Page 3, lines 8 and 9.

Following: "council,"

Strike: all of line 9.

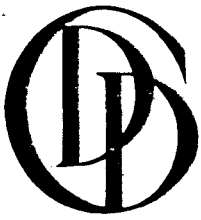
3. Page 3, line 18.

Following: "COUNCIL"

Insert: "Only legislators will be voting members."

4. Page 3, line 18.

Insert: "A chairman and vice chairman will be chosen from among the legislators on the committee."



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Sound System

27 February. 1989

The Honorable John Larson  
Secretaary of the Senate  
Montana Statehouse  
Helena, Mt.

Dear Sir,

Mr. B.G. Havdahl informed me that he had spoken to you regarding the possible installation of a Siemens/Sennheiser Infra Red Listening System in the Senate Chamber. I wish that I had had the opportunity to demonstrate the system in the Senate also. I do not know whether or not you have had of hearing Senators but certainly if anyone is having difficulty understanding the speeches on the floor an assistive listening system is highly recommended. The system demonstrated in the House Chamber is identical to that installed in the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., Disney World, and closer to home in the hearing rooms of the Washington State Legislature. Systems will also be installed in their House and Senate Chambers as soon as the spaces are available for installation.

I have submitted a proposal to Mr. Larry Fasbinder, Chief Clerk of the House for installation of a system in the House Chamber as well as their hearing rooms. If you should decide to install systems in your Chamber and hearing room all of the receivers would be of the same type and interchangeable so that the receivers could be pooled. As you suggested I am submitting a proposal to you through Mr. Havdahl.

I think it is very appropriate that the Montana State Legislature lead the way to help the hearing impaired.

If you feel that a demonstration to the Senate is in order I am sure that I could make arrangements to do so at no cost to the Legislature.

Yours Truly,

George E. DeVilbiss  
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Proposal to install Siemens/Sennheiser Listening System in the Montana State Senate Chamber.

DeVilbiss Development Company will provide and supervise the installation of an infra red listening system in the Senate Chamber consisting of the following equipment:

1 ea. Siemens S-5 Emmitter	\$1,500.00
1 ea. Universal Mounting Braccket	29.00
Microphone cable and connectors	15.00
5 ea Sennheiser Hd1405 Receivers	500.00
for a total of \$2.044.00	

The (5) five receivers is based on a national average of four out of each hundred persons being hearing impaired. If more receivers are required they will be supplied for \$100.00 each.

Since one emmitter adequately covered the House Chamber it is believed that one will be adequate for the Senate Chamber as well. In fact, not only was the floor well covered but most of the gallery that was located in front of the Speaker of the House was covered as well. Receivers for visitors in the gallery can be supplied for \$100.00 each as well.

DeVilbiss Development Company will provide and supervise the installation of an infra red listening system in the Senate Hearing Room consisting of the following equipment:

1 ea. Siemens S-5 Emmitter	\$1,500.00
4 ea. Sennheiser HD1405 Receivers	400.00
1 ea. Universal Mounting Bracket	29.00
Microphone cable and connectors	15.00
for a total of \$1,9044.00	

The number of receivers will depend upon the average number of persons involved in the hearings and is based on an average of 100 persons attending. Additional receivers will be supplied at \$100.00 each.

George E. DeVilbiss