

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Senator Tom Rasmussen, on April 3, 1989,
at 4:30 in the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Senators Story and Crippen were excused.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Elaine Graveley, Committee Secretary, was
present.

Announcements/Discussion: None

SOUND SYSTEM: John Aubry, Development Manager for the
Telecommunications Bureau of the Department of
Administration,

Mary Olsen, also representing the Telecommunications Bureau,
stated that it may be more cost effective to replace the
entire system at the present time.

Don Lyles, Senate sound man, stated that the mike switches
and amplifiers are wearing down very fast. The
switcher is probably the most critical at this time. It
will take a fair amount of planning and should have a
consultant help in the planning of the Senate sound
system.

Senator Mazurek stated that the mikes and switchers would
probably be the most critical at this time.

Senator Blaylock stated that there has been an improvement
with the system since the beginning of the session. He
stated further that if the senate is going to replace
the carpet in the chambers, it would be a great time to
do so, as the wiring for the mikes is located under the
carpet.

Norman Eck, Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms, stated that IBM has a
service which would take the carpet up and replace the

wiring, install a computer system with a pc and monitor on each senator's desk, and lay the carpet back down. Norm further explained the possibility of using wireless mikes or clip on mikes for the senators.

Senator Blaylock stated that the Oregon Legislature rejected wireless mikes and questioned whether anyone knew the reason. Mary Olsen replied that only 7 mikes could be in the chambers as there is a very limited number of available frequencies.

Senator Mazurek stated that the wireless mikes at his church do not always work satisfactorily.

Senator Blaylock stated that the wireless mikes seem not to be feasible.

Don Lyles stated that all aspects need to be considered.

Senator Rasmussen stated that he would like to see the sound system improved without taking up the carpet.

Senator Mazurek stated that he would be more interested in putting in a better sound system rather than replacing the carpet.

Senator Rasmussen asked if the sound system could be done in phases. Mr. Lyles replied that would be possible as the House put in a new switcher.

Senator Mazurek stated that perhaps the job could be done in three phases: Phase I - replace the amplifiers and switching system; Phase II - replace the mikes; Phase III - put in new wiring when the carpet is replaced. A consultant may not be necessary if the project is done in phases.

Mr. Aubry stated that the switcher is the key element. It appears that for now the Senate needs a mixer, switcher, equalizer and two amplifiers.

Mr. Lyles and Mr. Aubry stated that they would work up a proposal.

REPLACEMENT OF THE CARPET: Ralph Erving, Business Manager, reported that the ladies working on the rostrum have complained about the worn carpet catching their heels. In carpet at the entrances into the Senate are also worn as is the carpeting at the desk for former Senator Towe.

It was suggested that perhaps the carpet on the rostrum

could be replaced and some of the good pieces from that used at the entrances and wherever needed. Ralph will talk with some of the carpet people in Helena regarding the availability of a close carpet match and report back at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 5:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Rasmussen".

SENATOR TOM RASMUSSEN, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE 4/3/89

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

Each day attach to minutes.