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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - 1st SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman Bardanouve, on July 6, 1989, at 10:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: 10 plus Speaker Vincent, and ex-officio member

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: 10

Staff Present: Keith Wolcott, LFA

Announcements/Discussion: Chairman Bardanouve said apparently a little ill will had been created by calling a meeting on this bill, but since the bill was in limbo in the committee without a do pass or a do not pass, he felt any member could request further consideration of the bill.

RECONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 44

Representative Cocchiarella said they had requested further consideration of the bill and felt that people with speech and hearing problems would not be happy to feel this was a partisan issue since they lived in all the Legislator's districts. She reminded the committee they had not passed the amendment to reduce the funding to \$200,000 since it was a part of the motion which failed on a tie vote. She said the other amendment to change the funding to general fund had passed. She said many legislators feel if this bill does not pass the University will find the money to fund it, and this was not true. She pointed out that the pharmacy program needed more money to operate and the faculty had already received their notices on the CSD program.

(035) Dr. Ream said the notices have gone out to the faculty and entrenchment has started and this is the last resort in an attempt to keep the program.

Mona Jamison said this bill is about people and about people's needs, and they know no political party. She said although the buck stops with the Regents, you are our last resort.

Questions from the committee: Representative Cody said it seemed the Legislature has already set a precedence on programs because of the bill they initiated with the pharmacy school, and this bill is compounding the problems.

Representative Cocchiarella said this bill is a one time request until the issue can be studied. She said they realize they are not the only one with programs cut, but she felt this program was vital to the state, and this would give an opportunity for the Legislature to make a decision as to whether we are going to keep the high cost programs. She said perhaps there is another way to fund it and reminded the committee this program is not a duplicated program.

Representative Cody said she had a real problem with this because this body is setting a procedure by passing a law on the pharmacy school and now the CSD will be going down and then perhaps Eastern or someone else loses something and will be asking us to preserve something in their school.

Representative Menahan said the Legislature was not responsible for the pharmacy school, that was the Board of Regents. Representative Bradley said the Legislature had given them the special modified.

Representative Spaeth said the problem Representative Cody brought up is one that several of us have been grappling with for some time. He said the question arose as to whether we would be giving U of M special treatment if we pass this bill and that some others could become as drastic in the future. He said he felt this was something the oversight committee would be taking a look at, and while he was sympathetic to the other problems also, he felt this program should be kept open until it can be studied and a decision made on whether or not to keep it.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 44

Motion: Motion by Representative Menahan that House Bill 44 do pass as amended with the \$200,000.

Discussion: Representative Menahan said he felt something should be done with a study, that these special programs are required to meet the public law in regard to special education and if we go to contracted services the costs will really go up and we will be spending a lot more than \$200,000 to provide the services in the school districts.

Representative Bradley expressed her concern that the frustration will go on until we fund the system. (135) She cited percentages of funding etc. and said it was her impression that if we had funded the system correctly we would not now be in the mess we are in.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The amendment was included in the motion, the first amendment to fund the bill with general fund rather than education trust funds was passed earlier.

Recommendation and Vote: The motion that House Bill 44 Do Pass

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As Amended, was voted, passed, roll call vote, unanimous of those present.

Representative Bardanouve expressed regret that this bill had become a partisan issue and said it would probably run into some problems in the Senate or the Governor's office. He also announced that the Governor had signed the feed bill this morning, would recess the meeting and the committee would meet later today on House Bill 64. He introduced his son, Dr. Cecil, to the committee.

The meeting recessed at 10:32 and Chairman Bardanouve said there would be another bill in committee later today.

The meeting was not called for the day.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 10:32 a.m.



REP. FRANCIS BARDANOUE, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

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COMMITTEE

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Date

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REPRESENTATIVE BARDANOUVE	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE SPAETH	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE PECK			
REPRESENTATIVE IVERSON			
REPRESENTATIVE SWIFT			
REPRESENTATIVE QUILICI	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE BRADLEY	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE PETERSON			
REPRESENTATIVE MARKS			
REPRESENTATIVE CONNELLY	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE MENAHAN	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE THOFT			
REPRESENTATIVE KADAS	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE SWYSGOOD			
REPRESENTATIVE KIMBERLEY	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE NISBET	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE COBB			
REPRESENTATIVE GRINDE			
REPRESENTATIVE CODY	✓		
REPRESENTATIVE GRADY			
<i>Speaker Vincent</i>	✓		

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

"An Act Appropriating Money to the University of Montana
to Continue the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program"

July 6, 1989

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Appropriations report that
HOUSE BILL 44 (first reading copy -- white) do pass as
amended.

Signed: Francis Bardanouve, Chairman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 5.

Strike: "EDUCATION TRUST"

Insert: "GENERAL"

2. Page 1, line 13.

Strike: "\$390,000"

Insert: "\$200,000"

Strike: "education trust"

Insert: "general"

3. Page 1, line 14.

Following: "1991."

Insert: "The funds appropriated in [this act] are contingent upon
the board of regents of higher education maintaining the
communications sciences and disorders program through June
30, 1991."

Amendments to House Bill No.44
First Reading Copy

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Requested by Senator Jacobson
For the Education Subcommittee

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Prepared by LFA
June 23, 1989

1. Page 1, line 13.
Strike: "\$390,000"
Insert: "\$200,000"

2 Page 1, following line 14.
Insert: "The funds appropriated in this act are contingent upon
the ~~University of Montana~~ maintaining the communications
sciences and disorders program through June 30, 1991."

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