

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT & HIGHWAYS

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Quilici, on February 22, 1991, at 8:02 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Quilici, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Larry Stimatz, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. Harry Fritz (D)  
Rep. Mary Lou Peterson (R)  
Sen. Larry Tveit (R)  
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

**Staff Present:** Clayton Schenck, Senior Fiscal Analyst (LFA)  
Lois Steinbeck, Associate Fiscal Analyst (LFA)  
Dan Gengler, Budget Analyst (OBPP)  
Bill Mandeville, Budget Analyst (OBPP)  
John Patrick, Budget Analyst (OBPP)  
Arlene Carlson, Secretary

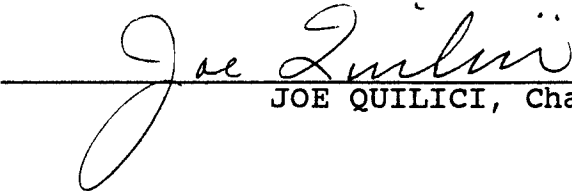
**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

There was an informal meeting on the computer network. There is concern regarding the expansion throughout state government. There is a resolution to address that. They talked about the new service for Department of Family Services. **Jesse Monroe, Deputy Director, DFS**, explained their proposal for a computer system with management information services. The department lacks any ability to track case management. He explained in detail how and why the system is needed and how the federal government comes into play with their decision to update the system. **Mike Trevor, ISD, Department of Administration**, said it's not ISD's decision to decide what is best for a department but work with them to make it applicable. They can help show if it's cost effective, etc. DFS has a nightmare of tracking statistics and they need these capabilities. There was a performance audit that came out of the Legislative Auditor's office stating they needed to have their system updated. ISD's concern is the estimates that ISD do the development work. For them to go to the private sector would be very expensive so if ISD is to do this they need 2 FTE to accomplish this. Once the project is developed and implemented, ISD's support would drop to 1.5 FTE for this sizable system. The growth modification should handle this project.

The discussion covered the different agencies and how their system would be affected and what the plan was on an individual basis.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjournment:** 10:21 a.m.

  
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JOE QUILICI, Chair

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