

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK, on March 19, 1991
at 4:30 P. M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Chet Blaylock, Chairman (D)
Bruce Crippen (R)
Dorothy Eck (D)

Members Excused: Richard Manning, Vice Chairman (D)
Ethel Harding (R)
Mignon Waterman (D)

Staff Present: Bob Person, Director, Legislative Council

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

HEARING ON HJR 23

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Tom Lee, House District 49, presented HJR 23, a joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana requesting an interim study by the Legislative Branch Computer Systems Planning Council to plan for productive use of computers by legislators.

Representative Lee spoke to the committee about the importance of computer technology and the part it plays in helping produce efficient, economical performance of public duties. Computers have increased the speed and accuracy of legislative work during the past few years. He said that this trend to use computers will only continue to increase.

He spoke to committee about small, powerful, portable computers that could be used by legislators at their desks, during legislative sessions, etc., Some other states are now

using such computers and they are proving to be highly useful and efficient.

Secretary of the Senate, David Hunter, was present. He said that much data processing will be needed for such an operation. He also discussed the possible need for re-wiring the capitol complex for further use of computers in the future.

Chairman Blaylock expressed interest in the possibility of use of portable computers for the legislators. He said that he thought it would require careful planning.

SENATOR DOROTHY ECK made a motion to adopt HJR 23. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Closing by Sponsor:

Representative Tom Lee assured committee that computers are only going to get better and cheaper. He said that the computer needs of this legislature are relatively simple and he thinks they will be served well with this sort of computer setup.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 5:00 P. M.



SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK, Chairman



BETSY CLARK, Secretary

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ROLL CALL

_____ COMMITTEE

DATE 3-19-91

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Senator Chet Blaylock	✓		
Senator D. Eck	✓		
Senator Crippen	✓		
Senator Manning			✓
Senator Harding			✓
Senator Waterman			✓

Each day attach to minutes.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Legislative Administration having had under consideration House Joint Resolution No. 23 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Joint Resolution No. 23 be concurred in.

Signed: Chet Blaylock

Chet Blaylock, Chairman

Jan 3 20-91
Ad. Coord.

SB 3-20 - 9:00
Sec. of Senate

ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE COMMITTEE Legislative Administration

Date 3-19-91 HJR Bill No. 23 Time _____

NAME	YES	NO
Chairman Blaylock	✓	
Senators Eck	✓	
Crippen	✓	
Manning		
Waterman		
Harding		

Betsy Clark
Secretary

Cher Blaylock (RC)
Chairman

Motion: Senator Eck moved Do Concur.

Motion carried.