

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
54th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS & CULTURAL EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MARJORIE FISHER**, on February 10, 1995, at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Marjorie I. Fisher, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Larry J. Tveit, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gary C. Aklestad (R)  
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)  
Rep. Steve Vick (R)  
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Terri Perrigo, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Betsy Hallowell, Substitute Secretary

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: Department of Military Affairs  
Executive Action: None

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**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
OPERATIONS SUPPORT**

**Terri Perrigo, LFA**, gave an overview of the Operations Support stating the only increases were for personal services and equipment. She noted the decrease in the fixed cost, which is related to moving insurance costs to all programs in order to have federal and state funded programs pay their proportionate cost of insurance coverage. She said there was a small increase requested for equipment in FY97. The only new proposal in the budget is the personal services reduction.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BASE BUDGET. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN FISHER said they would take executive action on the present law adjustments.

Motion/Vote: REP. RED MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT #1, 2 AND 3 OF THE PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT #4 AND #5 OF THE PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS. The motion carried 5 to 1 with SEN. AKLESTAD voting no.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ADOPT THE NEW PROPOSAL FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES REDUCTION. The motion carried unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Ms. Perrigo explained the items in this budget and said most of the increases related to movement of the insurance costs, the annualized hangar rental, and repair and maintenance. She pointed out a number of new proposals contained in the budget.

CHAIRMAN FISHER said they would vote on this and then do the new proposals one at a time.

Motion/Vote: REP. RED MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BASE BUDGET. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED THAT NEW PROPOSALS, #1, #2 AND #3 BE APPROVED. The motion carried.

Motion: REP. MENAHAN MOVED THAT ITEM #4, RENT, BE APPROVED.

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Discussion:

REP. MENAHAN asked if they were going to consider rent on this bill.

CHAIRMAN FISHER replied yes, and explained that the funds for the rent increase were pass-through funds from the federal government.

REP. STEVE VICK asked if this money had been already appropriated.

Mr. Booker replied that they had the spending authority for FY 94 to pay the rent. They have one plane now at the facility. It is a private facility with a shared lease between the Department of State Lands and the Department of Military Affairs.

Vote: Voice vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously to adopt Item #4.

Motion/Vote: REP. RED MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #5, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.

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Discussion:

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked if it is 25% general fund and 75% other funds. Ms. Perrigo replied that it was.

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked if there was any more discussion on Item #5, repair and maintenance.

SEN. AKLESTAD asked if that amount is above and beyond the FY94 base.

Ms. Perrigo replied that this amount of money was in the agency FY94 base as part of their regular ongoing repair and maintenance budget. However, they transferred it to A&E so they could remodel the military academy. The present law adjustment adds the funds back in since the transfer was not continued in the 97 biennium.

SEN. AKLESTAD said it was transferred from one area to another and asked if that is why it came out of the 1994 base. Ms. Perrigo replied yes, for this agency.

REP. VICK asked if the \$94,000 shows up in the FY94 base somewhere. Ms. Perrigo replied that it was not included in the base for military affairs because it was not spent there. The \$94,000 is an expenditure that happened in A&E, but is not contained in any agency's base budget.

REP. MENAHAN said wording could be put in that this amount had been taken out of the base and is not shown someplace and he moved that wording be put into the budget as such.

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked REP. MENAHAN if he wanted to state the wording that should be added.

REP. MENAHAN replied that he'd leave the motion the same and call for the question without the wording.

Vote: Voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #6, EQUIPMENT. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #7, ACCOUNTING TRANSFERS. The motion carried.

**Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #8. The motion carried unanimously.**

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**Executive Budget New Proposals**

**Ms. Perrigo** said the first new proposal was for utility costs at the new attack battalion armory, which adds \$34,603 of general fund each year. She explained that when the building is completed, repair and maintenance costs will be supported 75% with federal funds and 25% general fund, but utility costs are all 100% state responsibility.

**Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #1, NEW PROPOSALS. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Discussion:**

**REP. VICK** asked if this new building will reduce any other expenses because of consolidation. **Mr. Booker** replied that it would. At the present time, the units that will be using the new building are split up between three different facilities. They have some small office space in the army aviation support facility located on the other side of the airport. They have personnel in the Womack Armory located at Fort Harrison. The consolidation would allow that unit to be in one facility.

**REP. VICK** asked if the state would be paying rent on those facilities that will no longer be needed. **Mr. Booker** said those facilities are owned and managed by either the state or the federal government.

**REP. VICK** asked what will be done with the space that they are vacating. **Mr. Booker** said the army aviation support facility had to consolidate some of their storage spaces and moved office equipment into other offices in order to accommodate the attack battalion staff, and they will once again utilize the space when it is available.

**Vote: The motion carried.**

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**CHAIRMAN FISHER** said Item #2 is the Environmental Tech support.

**Ms. Perrigo** said this position is on board, and came on through a budget amendment. A positive vote would continue funding for this half-time, federally-funded position and provides administrative support to the professionals in the environmental program.

**Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #2, ENVIRONMENTAL TECH SUPPORT. The motion failed.**

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** said Item #3 is facilities management support.

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**Ms. Perrigo** said this would add a full time FTE at almost \$32,000 each year of the biennium. The position would provide facilities management services to 236 facilities with over a million square feet. The federal government has agreed to pay 50% of the cost of this position, while the remaining costs are general fund supported.

**Motion:** REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #3, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SUPPORT.

**Discussion:**

**Mr. Booker** described the administrative position as more of a coordinator, and said they envision the person prioritizing needs and identifying projects. An example is when they calculated the expected utilities for the attack armory. They used the annual utility costs for four armories, and identified one armory in particular that the costs were much higher than several of the others. The person in this position would be able to take the time to analyze those sorts of high cost areas so they could oversee and manage maintenance needs.

**SEN. TVEIT** asked who does this work now.

**Chris Denning, Facilities Maintenance for the Army National Guard program,** said it was his responsibility.

**SEN. AKLESTAD** expressed concern over the budget cuts this session, even with those services required by law.

**REP. MENAHAN** noted that most Montana people supported armories

**Vote:** The motion failed 5 - 1 with REP. MENAHAN voting yes.

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**Ms. Perrigo** said that Item #4 of the new proposals is totally general-fund supported. It adds \$105,000 in FY96 and \$80,000 in FY97 to address the backlog of routine maintenance needs at state armories.

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**Mr. Denning** said military personnel in those buildings identify maintenance needs and they submit the request to his office. The new proposal would provide funding to pay for maintenance that has been requested, but for which no funding is available. Those repairs include everything from paint jobs to plumbing repairs and minor roof repairs at the armories around the state. In response to a question from **SEN. MIGNON WATERMAN**, he noted that

the Architecture & Engineering Division feels that this regular maintenance, such as painting an office or replacing piping in the kitchen, isn't appropriate for a long range building project.

**Ms. Perrigo** stated the program spent approximately \$1 million last biennium for repair and maintenance projects, but the amount was insufficient to fund all the requests, which created the backlog.

**Motion:** SEN. TVEIT MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #4 AS A ONE-TIME EXPENSE TO TAKE CARE OF THE BACKLOG. The motion carried 4-2.

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**CHAIRMAN FISHER** said Item #5 was Deferred Maintenance.

**Ms. Perrigo** said this new proposal is similar to Item #4 and is for a backlog of maintenance on state-owned buildings that the federal government pays 75% of the maintenance costs.

**Motion:** SEN. TVEIT MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #5 FOR THE BACKLOG ON DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MENAHAN MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO APPROVE ONLY THE FEDERAL FUNDS IN ITEM #5 WITH THE 25% MATCH COMING FROM FUNDS APPROVED IN ITEM #4.

**Ms. Perrigo** asked for clarification on the motion. Was it to approve only the federal funds included in Item #5 and use the general fund that was just approved in Item #4 as the 25% match?

**REP. MENAHAN** said that was correct.

**Vote:** The motion carried.

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**Motion:** REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #6, 100% FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ONGOING MAINTENANCE.

**Discussion:**

**Ms. Perrigo** said Item #6 is 100% federal funds and would add \$153,000 each year to do maintenance work at the firing ranges and would be ongoing.

**SEN. TVEIT** asked which firing ranges they are requesting funding for, Fort Harrison and/or Townsend.

**Colonel Jack Walsh, Department of Military Affairs,** replied the funds would be for both firing ranges (Fort Harrison and Townsend). Fort Harrison has a small caliber weapon firing range and the one in Townsend is where they fire tanks and helicopters.

**REP. MENAHAN** asked about the budgeted costs for these items. He asked if the repair and maintenance was an ongoing cost and if these costs would add to that.

**Mr. Booker** replied that the costs would be ongoing and was only familiar with the state expenses for the firing ranges.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

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**CHAIRMAN FISHER** said Item #7 is armory rental.

**Discussion:**

**Ms. Perrigo** said the Armory Rental new proposal would add state special revenue spending authority. The department is planning to start charging user fees for their armories. The fees would be deposited in the state special revenue fund for the purpose of providing funding for maintenance work at those armories that generate those fees.

**SEN. WATERMAN** asked why there was such a huge backlog of maintenance at state buildings. She said that the fees could be used for other purposes.

**Mr. Booker** clarified the use of the fees. He said in the past, the armory commanders rented the armories out. However, the Legislative Auditor recommended that the money be put in the general fund, which is where the rental fees are currently deposited. However, not all armory commanders charge a fee for the use of the facility. If the fees could be placed in a special revenue fund earmarked for maintenance at the armories making deposits, the armory commanders would have more of an incentive to charge a user fee, and more maintenance could be done.

**REP. MENAHAN** commented that a lot of the people that would be renting the armories were non-profit groups. He said he understood the importance of charging enough to pay for the heat and lights, however these were government buildings, and non-profit groups generally don't have extra funds, in fact are oftentimes using the armories for fund raising activities.

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** noted that the fee proposal would give them more of an incentive. She said that it would be great to provide all state buildings free of cost, but the reality is that schools and counties and everybody else charges money for the public to use the facilities because they can't afford to maintain those facilities. She noted that this was a test program to charge rent for these premises.

**REP. VICK** asked if this was special revenue account that would have to be set up.

**Ms. Perrigo** replied that a special revenue account would have to be established through the accounting division.

**SEN. WATERMAN** asked about the possibility of standard charges for armory user fees.

**Mr. Booker** replied that standard fees would work, except for the backlog of repairs. He described some examples such as boiler breaks or pipe breaks that need to be fixed right away. He described recent damage caused by kids using the armory free of charge.

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**SEN. AKLESTAD** asked if the regular maintenance budget that just passed could take care of repair and upkeep problems.

**Mr. Booker** replied that it was difficult to take care of the current repairs, let alone the backlog. There is only one person statewide to do repairs, so consequently broken windows are taped together, etc. He noted that the department is requesting this as a test program which would also provide incentives for the 26 armories statewide.

**SEN. AKLESTAD** said that it seemed if someone broke something it is part of their responsibility to pay for it if they are using the facility. He noted that within the user fee contract, if there is damage done to the building they are going to have to pay to repair it.

**SEN. WATERMAN** asked if there was a deposit required before groups could use the facilities.

**Mr. Booker** replied there were deposits required in some cases, however, it was sometimes hard to determine liability. For example on Monday and Tuesday night three different organizations use the building. It is difficult to say who is responsible if something breaks.

**REP. MENAHAN** commented that if the department accused all three it could be determined pretty quick.

**SEN. TVEIT** said that the groups should understand the responsibility they have if they are using the building in Helena or other armories. The people in charge of the groups should be told that this is government property and they are responsible for any damages caused by a member of their group.

**CHAIRMAN FISHER** said they were still on Item #7 and asked for a motion.

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. WATERMAN MOVED TO REDUCE GENERAL FUND IN ITEM #4 BY \$5,000 IN FY96 AND \$10,000 IN FY97, AND ADD STATE SPECIAL



REVENUE (FROM ARMORY RENTAL FEES) OF THE SAME AMOUNT. The motion carried unanimously.

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Terri Perrigo explained what was now being requested regarding the Youth Programs New Proposal. Currently, the federal funds for this program are not available. Therefore, the department has pulled its new proposal request, but would like the committee to consider adding language authorizing them to seek a budget amendment if the federal money does become available.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO PLACE THAT LANGUAGE IN THE BILL. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion: REP. MENAHAN MOVED ITEM #9, LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT AUTHORITY.

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Discussion:

REP. VICK asked what amount of contract authority the department had presently.

Ms. Perrigo replied that she did not think the department did not have any legislative contract authority right now.

Vote: The motion carried 5-1 with SEN. AKLESTAD voting no.

Motion: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #10 FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES REDUCTION. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #11--THE RCAS UTILITIES NEW PROPOSAL.

Ms. Perrigo reminded the members that the department testified yesterday that this new proposal could be reduced from \$75,000 per year to \$56,000 per year.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RCAS UTILITIES NEW PROPOSAL AT THE REDUCED AMOUNT. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BASE BUDGET AND ITEMS 1, 2, 3 IN THE PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENT TABLE FOR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD. The motion carried unanimously.

REP. VICK asked if the fire fighters in the program were full time employees of the Air National Guard.

Mr. Booker replied that they were full time employees, however they are 100% federally-funded. He said they are Air Force trained, crash and rescue fire fighters.

**Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENT ITEMS #4, 5 AND 6 FOR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD. The motion carried 5-1.**

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### **Executive Budget New Proposals**

Ms. Perrigo explained that the first one was for utility costs at two new buildings in Great Falls. She said funding for the utility costs on these buildings would be 25% general fund and 75% federal funds.

**Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED ITEM #1 FOR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UTILITIES. The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Perrigo pointed out that Item #2 involved the personal services reduction of 4.0 FTE. She said these were fire fighters that were eliminated because of federal cutbacks. She noted that the dollars were not available any longer. If the new proposal is approved, it will result in a spending authority reduction, but those dollars weren't available anyway for the next biennium.

**Motion: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #2. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Perrigo stated that the Air National Guard is one of the participants in the performance base budgeting (PBB) pilot project. She pointed out Table 1 on page D-167, which shows the goals and performance targets that this program would be reporting on semi-annually.

**Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE PBB PILOT PROJECT. The motion carried unanimously.**

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SEN. WATERMAN asked, in regard to the PBB targets, how the ratings were on these agencies now.

Mr. Booker replied that routine inspections have turned up satisfactory ratings.

He then informed the committee of the need to add federal funds for a security contract, and clarified that this request represented an increase to the Executive Budget. The \$107,940 per year that it pays directly for the security services contract should now be paid (with federal funds) by the state. Therefore,

the department requests that an additional \$107,940 of federal funds per year be added to pay this security contract.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECURITIES CONTRACT. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion/Vote:** REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BASE BUDGET AND PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENT ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3 FOR THE DISASTER COORDINATION AND RESPONSE DIVISION. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Perrigo explained the pass-through funds on Item #4. She said this was additional FEMA money passed through to local governments--some for grants for hazardous materials, some for emergency management assistance and some for equipment facilities for local governments.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #4. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEMS #5 AND #6. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM NEW PROGRAM.

Ms. Perrigo explained that this new proposal would add federal funds of about \$37,000 each year and a .75 FTE to continue the earthquake coordinator position. She noted the federal agency felt that it was important for Montana to have an earthquake coordinator because of the seismic activity here, and agreed to in-kind match from various agencies.

SEN. WATERMAN asked what agencies participated in the matching funds.

Mr. Booker replied the in-kind match came from the Bureau of Mines at Montana Tech, the State Fire Marshall Office, and the Department of Natural Resources Dam Safety Program.

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REP. VICK asked if this was the only earthquake program in the state.

Mr. Booker replied that the program was the only one that worked with the school system on an educational basis, and with local governments to help them prepare for earthquakes. There is earthquake information available through Montana Tech regarding seismic measurements of actual occurrences of the earthquakes. The Fire Marshall's relationship to the earthquake program is through fire drills and school safety, however they don't have a

specific educational program. The Dam Safety Program through the Department of Natural Resources is important for public safety since earthquakes affect dams.

**REP. VICK** asked how this person would tie in with those different programs.

**Mr. Booker** replied that an advisory committee for the Earthquake program was set up, representing the Office of Public Instruction, private industry--such as Montana Power Company, the State Fire Marshall's Office, Department of Natural Resources, and Montana Tech. The FTE being requested would coordinate the activities of the program and staff the advisory committee.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion:**

**Ms. Perrigo** noted that if the subcommittee approved the addition of \$50,000 a year of legislative contract authority in this program the language that was already approved previously would also apply here.

**Motion:** **REP. MENAHAN** MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #2, REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT AUTHORITY.

**REP. VICK** asked if it was true the department did not have contract authority at the present time. **Ms. Perrigo** replied that was true.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**Ms. Perrigo** said the new proposal, Item #3, is 50% general fund.

**Motion:** **REP. MENAHAN** MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #3, THE DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES NEW LOCAL AREA NETWORK.

**Discussion:**

**REP. VICK** asked if this was a one time expenditure for hardware. **REP. MENAHAN** replied that it was.

**REP. VICK** noted that he needed more explanation. He asked whether this computer system had anything to do with the large system that was down.

**Mr. Booker** replied that it was not the same as the Justice Department's main frame computer. He explained that it would tie the personal computers in the office together, which allows sharing of information and databases, common printers, etc. Secondly, it allows the department to share information with other state agencies, such as the Department of Natural Resources and several others. It also allows the mechanism to share data with counties in case of disasters and emergencies.

REP. VICK asked if this would make more information available and also make things more efficient.

Mr. Booker replied that it did, as well as increase productivity. He pointed out that one of the major products the agency produces is coordination and sharing of information in the time of crisis.

Vote: The motion failed.

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Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PERSONAL SERVICES REDUCTION NEW PROPOSAL. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED THE BASE BUDGET AND ITEMS #1, 2, AND 3 OF PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE VETERANS AFFAIRS PORTION. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #4, DONATION SPENDING AUTHORITY.

Discussion:

Additional spending authority was discussed in order for the program to spend the donations coming into the cemetery program. Current state special revenue spending authority in the program is insufficient to allow the department to spend all the donations that they are getting.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ITEM #5 FOR CONTRACTED GRAVESITE WORK DEBT SERVICE.

REP. MENAHAN noted that this is all donated money, not general fund.

CHAIRMAN FISHER stated that the LFA write-up says these funds are for contracted services, but in testimony yesterday she heard Mr. Jacobsen say the money would be used to buy a lawn mower instead.

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The price of lawn mowers was discussed. Protocol in purchasing equipment was clarified. The department has the authority to purchase a machine up to \$500 but over that, bids must be taken.

REP. VICK asked for clarification of the general fund money in the budget.

Ms. Perrigo replied that it paid for the actual operations of the Veterans Affairs program. The general fund does not support any of the cemetery expenses.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously on Item #5.

Motion: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM #6, TRAVEL.

Discussion:

SEN. WATERMAN asked if this was for travel and training. Mr. Jacobsen replied that the current travel and training budget was around \$22,000. This would increase it to approximately \$26,000.

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Vote: The motion failed 4-2.

Motion: SEN. TVEIT MOVED TO ALLOW THE TRAVEL PORTION.

Motion: REP. MENAHAN MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO ADD THE \$2,000 EACH YEAR FOR TRAVEL TO SERVICE THE VETERANS. He noted the department could get their training in some other way.

The quarterly board meetings were discussed. The travel funds cover these meetings, as well as service officer travels.

SEN. AKLESTAD asked what was in the travel budget now.

Ms. Perrigo replied that there was \$21,926 in the base.

Vote: The question was called on the substitute motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEMS #7 AND 8 TOGETHER. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked the subcommittee to consider the Executive Budget new proposals.

Ms. Perrigo explained the first proposal was 100% general fund-supported and would allow the purchase of new office equipment for various field offices, such as a copier, a typewriter and answering machines.

Motion/Vote: SEN. WATERMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ITEM #1. The motion carried with two members voting no.

Motion: SEN. WATERMAN MOVED ITEM #2, THE GROUNDSKEEPER FROM THE LICENSE PLATE SALES. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. MENAHAN MOVED TO PASS THE PERSONAL SERVICES REDUCTION NEW PROPOSAL. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:50 a.m.

*Mar. J. Fisher*

REP. MARJORIE FISHER, Chairman

*P. Borneman*

*for* Deb Thompson, Recording Secretary

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Sen. Gary Aklestad	✓		
Sen. Mignon Waterman	✓		



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