

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 54th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **SENATOR GARY AKLESTAD, CHAIRMAN**, on Monday,
January 9, 1995, at 4:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gary C. Aklestad, Chairman (R)
Sen. Thomas F. Keating, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Thomas A. "Tom" Beck (R)
Sen. James H. "Jim" Burnett (R)
Sen. Loren Jenkins (R)
Sen. Ethel M. Harding (R)
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl (R)
Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews (R)
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)
Sen. Eve Franklin (D)
Sen. Judy H. Jacobson (D)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. John "J.D." Lynch (D)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: Senator Tveit

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Lynn Staley, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 1
Executive Action: HB 1

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

SENATOR AKLESTAD, Chairman, welcomed to the Senate Finance and
Claims Committee new members **SENATOR ARNIE MOHL** and **SENATOR LOREN
JENKINS**.

CHAIRMAN AKLESTAD asked that members be prompt when reporting to
meetings. He announced that there will not be seconds to motions
in committee. Motions in committee will be main motions,
substitute motions and motions for all motions pending. He asked

that bills not be tabled without at least some discussion, as that is not fair to the bill sponsor. For Finance and Claims members that cannot be present for committee meetings, votes on bills can be signed and left with the secretary or votes can be left open that day and the member can come and vote. Votes left with the secretary will have to include the bill number and signature of the committee member. He asked that members be fair to presenters of bills, adding that subject matter can be attacked but not individuals making their presentation. He added that he would make sure that individual committee members are not attacked and concluded that time limits and time frames may have to be set during presentation and discussion on certain bills.

After considerable discussion on whether to use expandable type folders or 3-ring binders for committee members' bills, it was the consensus of the committee that expandable type folders be used for a trial period.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REPRESENTATIVE ZOOK, House District 3, sponsor, stated that HB 1, commonly referred to as the "Feed Bill" appropriates money for legislative operations of the 54th legislature and preparation costs for the 55th legislature. He noted that the total cost is approximately \$330,000 less than the previous session. Changes made in the House appropriations committee decreased the majority party's travel \$2,000 for the House and \$2,000 for the Senate.

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Person, Executive Director of Legislative Council, stating that he was not speaking as a proponent or opponent, presented an overview relative to HB 1 **EXHIBIT 1**, as well as the legislative feed bill appropriation levels from 1974 through 1995 **EXHIBIT 2**. He explained that the reductions indicated are principally those related to the removal of capital improvements which had been budgeted for the last session and are now completed, noting there are no capital improvements included in this budget. There are other reductions made in relation to some changes proposed in the legislative branch for the operation and maintenance of the computer system that will be addressed in the general government subcommittee and other small changes being made.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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SENATOR JACOBSON noted the 1993 expenditure of \$20,650 for the Legislative Auditor was a one time expenditure.

SENATOR JENKINS questioned the difference in the House and Senate figures.

REP. ZOOK said the Senate did some remodeling as well as the new voting board which was a one time expenditure.

SENATOR KEATING questioned if there was an FTE increase or decrease.

Bob Person, Legislative Council, said FTE's are not officially counted but he is aware that both the House and Senate have made a reduction in attache numbers as well as number of hours.

When asked by SENATOR KEATING if there is a reduction in the attache salaries, Mr. Person said there is a reduction in the Senate and House. The reduction in the Senate is larger because they were able to tighten up more than expected last session which has been carried forward.

Closing by Sponsor:

REPRESENTATIVE ZOOK, in closing, said his understanding was that staff has been reduced by five which was concurred in by President of the Senate Brown.

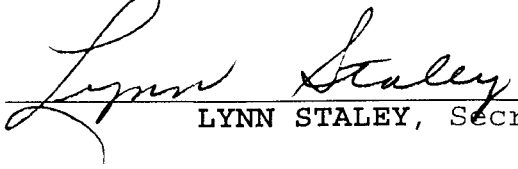
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 1

Motion/Vote: SENATOR KEATING moved that HB 1 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.


SENATOR GARY AKLESTAD, Chairman


LYNN STALEY, Secretary

MONTANA SENATE
1995 LEGISLATURE
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SWYSGOOD, CHUCK	✓		
BURNETT, JIM	✓		
MOHL, ARNIE	✓		
JERGESON, GREG	✓		
FRANKLIN, EVE	✓		
TVEIT, LARRY			✓
JENKINS, LOREN	✓		
JACOBSON, JUDY	✓		
LYNCH, J.D.	✓		
HARDING, ETHEL	✓		
TOEWS, DARYL	✓		
CHRISTIAENS, B.F. "CHRIS"	✓		
WATERMAN, MIGNON	✓		
KEATING, TOM - VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
BECK, TOM	✓		
AKLESTAD, GARY - CHAIRMAN	✓		

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Finance and Claims having had under consideration HB 1 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 1 be concurred in.

Gary Aklestad
Signed: *by Thomas H. Kuting V-Chair*
Senator Gary Aklestad, Chair

PV Amd. Coord.
SA Sec. of Senate

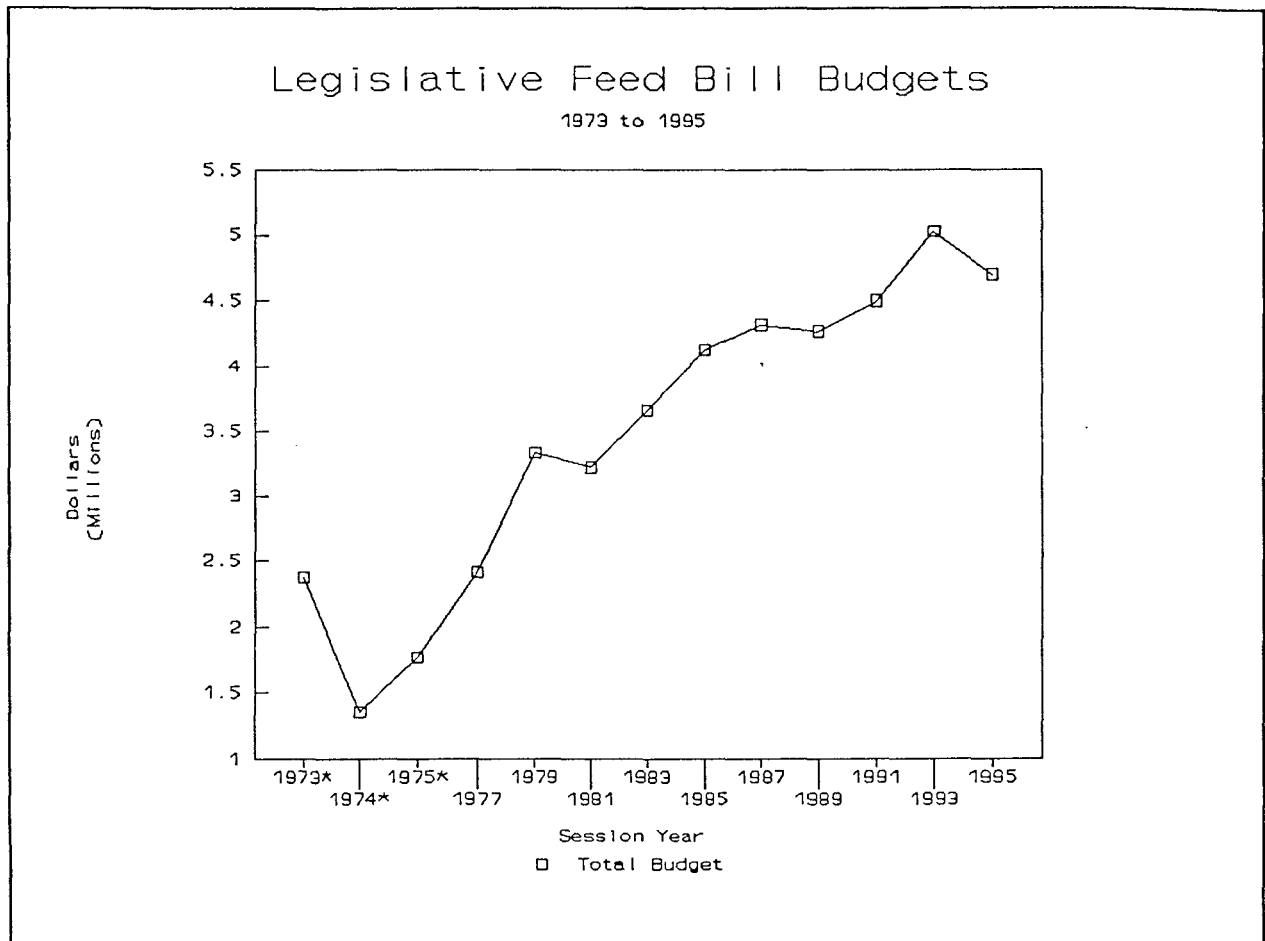
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Senator Carrying Bill

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House Bill No. 1
Overview

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EXHIBIT NO. 1
DATE 1/9/95
BILL NO. HB 1

House Bill 1, the "Feed Bill" appropriates money necessary for the operation of the Legislature. Generally, the budget covers statutorily set legislative salaries, benefits, and expenses as well as budgets for the operating, maintenance, and capital improvement costs of the House and Senate. The Legislative Council appropriations in the bill cover the costs of session related functions including bill printing, publications, information office, and telephones.



For various reasons discussed in a full analysis available on request, the overall budget is reduced by 6.67% this session. The graph shows the long-term trend in the budget for the legislature as a whole.

These budgets no longer include purchase or support costs for computers or the computer network beyond the end of June. Budgets for these items are included in the central budget portion of the Legislative Council budget for consideration as a part of House Bill 2. Other major reductions result from completion of the Senate voting board and tight budgeting for staff and support costs. Reductions in the Council portion result primarily

from removing the final printing requirement for the Journals and cost reductions in the Information Office now that the move is completed and the 800 number is eliminated.

The House reduced the majority travel budgets by an additional \$4,000 to keep the 2:1 proportionality in these budgets.

Summaries of Responsibility Center Budgets Comprising the Appropriations

House of Representatives:

Legislator Salary and Expenses	1,782,618
Attache Salaries	555,049
Legislative Operations & Eqpt	89,041
Session Subcommittee Travel	2,500
Leadership Travel	6,000
Leadership Tvl (Min)	3,000
Caucus and Start-Up	67,792
Total Budget	2,506,000

Senate:

Legislator Salary and Expenses	939,939
Attache Salaries	430,717
Legislative Operations & Eqpt	85,545
Leadership Travel	6,000
Leadership Tvl (Min)	3,000
Caucus and Start-Up	55,670
Total Budget	1,520,871

Legislative Council:

Bill Print and Distribution 29501	\$416,2
Legislative Publications 29502	\$85,3
Legislative Information 29503	\$53,7
Telephones & Data Expense 29504	\$108,7
Total Council Feed Bill	\$664,0

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BILL NO. 21B1

Legislative Feed Bill Appropriation Levels
1974 through 1995

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EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 1/9/95

BILL NO. HB 1

Agency	1973*	1974*	1975*	1977	1979
House	\$890,000	\$808,305	\$1,179,457	\$1,155,335	\$1,382,997
Senate	\$445,000	\$404,153	\$589,729	\$678,961	\$850,275
Council	\$1,037,500	\$145,000		\$577,333	\$1,003,433
D of A					\$0
LFA					\$22,420
Cost overruns					\$80,000
Totals	\$2,372,500	\$1,357,458	\$1,769,186	\$2,411,629	\$3,339,125

Agency	1981	1983	1985	1987	1989
House	\$1,658,854	\$1,938,674	\$2,173,551	\$2,156,473	\$2,286,867
Senate	\$1,017,949	\$1,185,627	\$1,279,768	\$1,449,818	\$1,370,951
Council	\$542,341	\$534,838	\$665,473	\$708,100	\$611,876
D of A	\$0	\$0	\$3,480	\$3,143	\$0
LFA	\$3,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cost overruns	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$3,222,944	\$3,659,139	\$4,122,272	\$4,317,534	\$4,269,694

Agency	1991	1993	1995	95/93 %
House	\$2,388,301	\$2,508,652	\$2,506,000	-0.11%
Senate	\$1,467,689	\$1,782,666	\$1,520,871	-14.69%
Council	\$637,707	\$714,262	\$664,049	-7.03%
D of A	\$2,300	\$0	\$0	
LFA	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Legislative Auditor	\$0	\$20,650	\$0	-100.00%
Totals	\$4,495,997	\$5,026,230	\$4,690,920	-6.67%

* Appropriations were not made specifically to the House and Senate. A 2/3 1/3 share is used to estimate from total.