

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on February 5, 1997, at 8:11 AM, in room 312-2 at the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice-Chairman (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Division
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: Montana University System,
Educational Units.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM EDUCATIONAL UNITS

CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON called the meeting to order, and requested any last comments from members of the University System before beginning executive action.

Commissioner Dick Crofts offered closing remarks about the current University System funding situation. Jason Thielman, President Associated Students, University of Montana, Missoula, spoke in favor of funding University System programs. Erik Hanson, Office of the Governor, spoke on behalf of the Governor, and his priority of funding the University System.

EXHIBIT 1 (Mr. Crofts).

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1-22; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. DARYL TOEWS MOVED TO ACCEPT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS (NUMBERS 1, 2, AND 3) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS ON PAGE E-82.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24-26; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. GREG JERGESON MOVED TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM NEW PROPOSAL NUMBER 1, STUDENT RECORDS SYSTEM, ON PAGE E-83.

Vote: THE MOTION FAILED 2-4.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. TOEWS MOVED TO ADOPT PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS, WORK STUDY, AND WICHE/WAMI (ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 5) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON PAGE E-85.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. TOEWS MOVED TO ADOPT 60,000 IN FY 98 AND 70,000 IN FY 99 (WITH NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE AUDIT SAVINGS AND THE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM) FOR FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM NEW PROPOSAL ITEM 1, UNDER THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON PAGE E-87.

Discussion on the motion.
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{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1-18; Comments: .}

Motion Withdrawn: SEN. TOEWS WITHDREW HIS MOTION.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. JERGESON MOVED TO ADOPT PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS FOR DDE MATHEMATICS AND SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION ACT INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS (ITEMS 1, 2, 3) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS ON PAGE E-89.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22-24; Comments: .}

Motion: REP. DON HOLLAND MOVED TO ADOPT TALENT SEARCH PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS (ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS ON PAGE E-90.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25; Comments: .}

Motion: REP. HOLLAND MOVED TO ADOPT PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS FOR C.D. PERKINS ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS (ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS ON PAGE E-91.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. JERGESON MOVED TO ADOPT NEW PROPOSAL NUMBER 1, SCHOOL-TO-WORK FTE, WITH THE CORRECTIVE FIGURES STATED BY MS. AMY CARLSON, OFFICE OF BUDGET PROGRAM PLANNING, PREVIOUSLY - THOSE BEING ONE FULL FTE AND 28,414 FOR FY 98, AND OTHER FIGURES AS STATED IN THE TABLE FOR FY 99 ON PAGE E-92.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27-28; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. KEN MILLER MOVED TO ADOPT PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS, USAF CONTRACT INCREASE, COLLECTION IMPROVEMENTS, POSTAGE ENHANCEMENT, SSCR MEMBERSHIP INCREASE (ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 7) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM ON PAGE E-93.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29; Comments: .}

Motion: REP. HOLLAND MOVED TO ACCEPT PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS (ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS ADMINISTRATION ON PAGE E-95.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30; Comments: .}

Motion: REP. HOLLAND MOVED TO ACCEPT PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION, FIXED COSTS (ITEMS 1, 2 AND 3) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE BOARD OF REGENTS BOND PAYMENTS ON PAGE E-96.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. TOEWS MOVED TO ADOPT LANGUAGE READ BY SANDY WHITNEY, "THE FTE AND DOLLARS APPROVED FOR THE SCHOOL-TO-WORK PROGRAM ARE CONTINGENT ON CONTINUED FEDERAL FUNDING".

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34; Comments: .}

Discussion regarding lump sum funding and how differing enrollment projections (by the LFD, the OBPP and the University System) affect the base budget.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1-13; Comments: .}

Discussion regarding items 10 and 11 (Maintenance New Space Fiscal 97 and Maintenance New Space Fiscal 99) on page E-99 and the formulas used to determine maintenance costs within the University System. Persons addressing the committee regarding this issue included Commissioner Dick Crofts, Mr. Rod Sundsted of the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), Dr. George Dennison, President of the University of Montana, Dr. Mike Malone, President of Montana State University, Mr. Robert Specter, Montana State University, and Dr. Jim Todd from the University of Montana.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14-33; Comments: .}

Discussion about Faculty Agreements (item number 12) on page E-99, and if the figure in the table includes agency faculty.

EXHIBIT 2 (Ms. Carlson, OBPP)

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Mr. Crofts described the Board of Regents consideration of tuition increase proposals of 6.5 or 7%. Mr. Sundsted, OCHE, spoke of the need for tuition authority.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1-14; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. TOEWS MOVED TO ADOPT EDUCATIONAL UNITS PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES, INFLATION/DEFLATION AND FIXED COSTS, ENROLLMENT ADJUSTMENT 4 YR RESIDENT, ENROLLMENT ADJUSTMENT 2 YR RESIDENT, ENROLLMENT ADJUSTMENT 4 YR NON-RESIDENT, ENROLLMENT ADJUSTMENT 2 YR RESIDENT, SUMMITNET, REDUCTION IN AUDIT COSTS, FACULTY AGREEMENTS (ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 AND 12) AND OTHER BASE ADJUSTMENTS ON PAGE E-99.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. TOEWS MOVED TO ADOPT PRESENT LAW EDUCATIONAL UNITS ITEMS 10 AND 11 (MAINTENANCE NEW SPACE FISCAL 1997 AND MAINTENANCE NEW SPACE FISCAL 1999, RESPECTIVELY), BUT TO REDUCE THE FIGURES IN THE TABLE BY 25%, SUCH THAT ITEM 10 WILL EQUAL 443,368 FOR EACH YEAR AND ITEM 11 WILL EQUAL 93,075 FOR FY 98 AND

239,206 FOR FY 99 ON PAGE E-99. ADDITIONALLY, THIS 25% REDUCTION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL FUND ONLY.

Substitute Motion: SEN. JERGESON MOVED TO APPROVE EDUCATIONAL UNITS PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS ITEMS 10 AND 11 AS PRESENTED IN THE TABLE ON PAGE E-99.

Vote: THE MOTION FAILED, 2-4.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15-25; Comments: .}

Motion: SEN. TOEWS PRESENTED HIS ORIGINAL MOTION.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED, 4-2.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25-32; Comments: .}

No executive action was taken on Educational Units new proposals (Faculty Agreements and Fee Waivers) on page E-103.

Motion: SEN. JERGESON MOVED TO ADOPT THE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM (ITEM 1) EXECUTIVE NEW PROPOSAL FOR THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON PAGE E-87.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED, 4-2.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32-35; Comments: .}

Motion: REP. RAY PECK MOVED TO ADOPT THE EXECUTIVE LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATION ON PAGE E-87, WITH REPLACEMENT OF "IS SIGNED INTO LAW" WITH, "IS IMPLEMENTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS" AND STRIKING #2) "ANY AMOUNT OVER THE FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE STUDENT INCENTIVE GRANTS AND LESS THAN THE 220,000 PER YEAR APPROPRIATED". SEN. TOEWS MOVED TO AMEND REP. PECK'S MOTION, BY STRIKING #3; "SAVINGS GENERATED FROM ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCIES" FROM THE LANGUAGE AS WELL.

Vote: THE MOTION TO AMEND REP. PECK'S MOTION PASSED, 4-2.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35-38; Comments: .}

Motion: REP. PECK MOVED THAT THE EXECUTIVE LANGUAGE READ AS FOLLOWS; "IF THE MONTANA TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS IMPLEMENTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS, THE REGENTS MAY USE THE FOLLOWING SOURCES FOR THE PROGRAM'S FUNDING: 1) REMAINING GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE AFTER FUNDING THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED STUDENTS ALLOCATED IN WICHE, W2AMI, AND MINNESOTA DENTAL PROGRAMS. (THE REST OF THE LANGUAGE BEING STRICKEN), ON PAGE E-87.

Discussion on the motion.

Motion Withdrawn: REP. PECK WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.5; Comments: .}

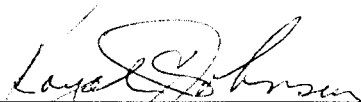
Motion: SEN. JERGESON MOVED THAT THE NARRATIVE TO HB 2 INCLUDE LANGUAGE REQUESTING PERIODIC REPORTS FROM POST SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY AND BUDGET COMMITTEE ON SOURCES OF FUNDING WHICH THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM DEVELOPS FOR THE MONTANA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Discussion on the motion.

Motion Withdrawn: SEN. JERGESON WITHDREW HIS MOTION.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2-9; Comments: .}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.



REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman



CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

RCJ/cj

Note: This meeting was recorded on three (3) 90 minute tapes.