

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ED GRADY, on February 19, 1997, at 8:15, in Room 402.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward J. "Ed" Grady, Chairman (R)
Sen. Loren Jenkins, Vice-Chairman (R)
Sen. Eve Franklin (D)
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Joe Quilici, 11:03 to end of meeting, left his proxy with Sen. Eve Franklin

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindy Weaver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Jim Turner, Legislative Fiscal Division
Elaine Benedict, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: N/A
Executive Action: Department of Revenue,
Department of Administration,
State Auditor's Office,
Judiciary, Governor's Office,
Secretary of State's Office,
Legislative Branch,
Department of Transportation,

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0-4.5; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Jim Turner, Associate Fiscal Analyst.

EXHIBIT 1

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.2; Comments: None.}

Budget Item: LIQUOR DIVISION

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion(s):

EXHIBIT 2. Gary Blewett, Liquor Division Administrator

-Mary Bryson, Department of Revenue Director

-Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Motion: REP. JOE QUILICI moved to accept the Proposed Language Appropriation and budget as presented on Exhibit 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.7; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.3; Comments: None.}

Budget Item: PROPERTY VALUATION

Motion/Vote: SEN. LOREN JENKINS moved to remove the funding for New Proposal 2 as contained in the chart on page A-137 of Volume 1 of the Governor's Budget and Legislative Budget Analysis.

Motion failed with REP. ED GRADY, REP. BOB KEENAN, REP. QUILICI, SEN. DALE MAHLUM and SEN. EVE FRANKLIN voting no.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.2; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to close action on the budget for Department of Revenue. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
AND
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion(s):

EXHIBIT 3. Lois Menzies, Department of Administration Director
-Debra Fulton, Department of Administration

Budget Item: GENERAL SERVICES PROGRAM, DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION

Motion: REP. QUILICI moved to accept the General Services Program, Dept. of Administration Present Law Proposal 3 as presented on Exhibit 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.4; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.9; Comments: None.}

Budget Items: INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION, DEPT. OF ADMIN. .
GENERAL OPERATIONS PROGRAM, DEPT. OF TRANS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to accept the Information Services Division, Dept. of Administration New Proposals 1 & 2 and the General Operations Program, Dept. of Transportation New Proposals 8 & 9 as presented on Exhibit 3. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.9; Comments: None.}

Budget Item: MAIL AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM, DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION.

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to formally adopt the Performance-Based Budget goals as stated on page G-62. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.6; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to close action on the budget for Department of Administration. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.8; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Tony Herbert, Department of Administration.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Motion: SEN. JENKINS moved to open action on the budgets for all the agencies previously heard by the subcommittee, excepting Department of Revenue and Department of Administration.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.5; Comments: None.}

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. JENKINS moved to open action on the State Auditor's Office. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.0; Comments: None.}

Budget Item: GLOBAL ISSUES

Motion: SEN. JENKINS moved to remove funding for five exempt positions, an amount of approximately \$200,000.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 36.6; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion(s):

-John Huth, State Auditor's Office

-Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office

Vote: Motion failed with SEN. FRANKLIN, REP. QUILICI and SEN. MAHLUM voting no.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.4; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to close action on the budget for the State Auditor's Office.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON JUDICIARY

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion(s):

-Mr. Schenck

EXHIBIT 4. Pat Chenovick, Supreme Court Administrator

Budget Item: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion: REP. KEENAN moved to allow state special revenue spending authority in the amount of \$30,000 in each fiscal year.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.4; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.7; Comments: None.}

Budget Item: LAW LIBRARY

Motion: SEN. JENKINS moved to fund the agency's request for 1 FTE for Electronic Library Services, with half the amount presented on Exhibit 4. The motion is to also include language that would stipulate the Law Library should attempt to develop a procedure for collecting fees for electronic access services offered by the library.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.1; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.2; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. KEENAN moved to request a committee bill to generally revise professional licensing fees.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.0; Comments: None.}

Amended Motion: REP. KEENAN amended his motion to request a committee bill to raise attorney fees to \$50.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.5; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.8; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to close action on the budget for Judiciary. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.5; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Motion: REP. QUILICI moved to close action on the budget for Governor's Office.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.8; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.4; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

Motion/Vote: SEN. JENKINS moved to close action on the budget for Secretary of State's Office. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON JUDICIARY

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.3-30.9; Comments: NO ACTION TAKEN-DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON REP. KEENAN'S LAST MOTION.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion:

-Mr. Schenck

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to close action on the budget for Legislative Agencies. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Budget Item: GENERAL OPERATIONS PROGRAM

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to approve spending authority for Statewide GIS Cadastral Database in the amounts of \$75,000 in FY98 and \$50,000 in FY99. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.1; Comments: None.}

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion(s):

-Mr. Dye

-Mr. Schenck

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.0-12.7, 13.9-14.8;
Comments: SUBCOMMITTEE EXPLAINED PROCEEDINGS TO VISITING STUDENT GROUP.}

Budget Item: GLOBAL ISSUES

EXHIBIT 5. John Patrick, OBPP.

Motion/Vote: REP. KEENAN moved to reconsider action on excluding the Department of Transportation from the Vacancy Savings 3% reduction from the base budget. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.9; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. KEENAN moved to implement the 3% Vacancy Savings reduction of the base budget for the Department of Transportation. Motion passed with SEN. FRANKLIN and REP. QUILICI voting no.
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: None.}

Motion: SEN. JENKINS moved to transfer the money for overtime from the base budget to Present Law Adjustments, with no change in the dollar amount.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed with REP. QUILICI and SEN. FRANKLIN voting no.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.0; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: SEN. FRANKLIN moved to close action on the budget for Department of Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.4; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Budget Issues: GLOBAL ISSUES

Non-Committee/Staff participants in discussion(s):

-Mr. Schenck

Motion: SEN. JENKINS moved to re-open action on State Auditor's Office.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.6; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed with SEN. FRANKLIN and REP. QUILICI voting no.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.3; Comments: None.}

Motion: SEN. JENKINS moved to remove funding for five exempt positions from the State Auditor's Office.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.5; Comments: None.}

Substitute Motion: SEN. JENKINS moved to apply an additional Vacancy Savings of \$200,000 per fiscal year to the base budget of the State Auditor's Office, and to include language to state the intent of the legislature in imposing this Vacancy Savings is to reduce funding for five exempt positions, the funding reduction to be General Fund.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.4; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed with SEN. FRANKLIN and REP. QUILICI voting no.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.2; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.5; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:15



REP. EDWARD J. "ED" GRADY, Chairman



ELAINE BENEDICT, Secretary

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