

CHAPTER NO. 551

HOUSE BILL NO. 197

INTRODUCED BY GERKE

IN THE HOUSE

January 16, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
January 31, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 1, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
February 2, 1979	Second reading, do pass.
February 3, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 5, 1979	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to second house.

IN THE SENATE

February 6, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 22, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 24, 1979	Second reading, concurred in as amended.
March 27, 1979	Third reading, concurred in as amended.

IN THE HOUSE

March 28, 1979	Returned from second house. Concurred in as amended.
March 31, 1979	Second reading, amendments adopted.
April 2, 1979	Third reading, amendments adopted. Sent to enrolling.  Reported correctly enrolled.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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1 the legislature attending the pre-session caucus are entitled  
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6 compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 22-79

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 17, 19 79, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 197 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

HB 197 would give statutory authority to pay certain legislative leaders for their time and travel expenses associated with organizing the legislature. This would allow the leadership to file claims and be paid out of appropriations to the legislature just as members of the appropriations and finance and claims committees may now do.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Salaries were computed based on \$35 per day (24 hours).
2. Expenses include \$10 per day food; \$18 per day lodging; and average mileage costs of \$64 round trip.
3. Leaders would work up to 10 days, but at least 4 days, based on responsibility.
4. The work would require from 2 to 3 trips to Helena, based on responsibility.
5. To figure increased cost, actual appropriations to defer expenses in the past were ignored, which inflates the amount of increase noted.

EXPENDITURE IMPACT:

	<u>FY81</u>
Personal Services	\$ 4,900
Operating Expenses	<u>5,932</u>
Total additional cost of proposed legislation	<u>\$10,832</u>

The above additional cost must be supported by the State General Fund.

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BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 4/23/79

Approved by Committee  
on State Administration

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March 24, 1979

SENATE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

That House Bill No. 197, third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 15.

Following: "committees"

Insert: ", committees on committees"