

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 15, 1985

The meeting of the Senate Legislative Administration Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 1985, by Chairman Chet Blaylock in room 402 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: Roll was called and all members were present.

CHAIRMAN BLAYLOCK asked the committee to act on HB 910.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 910: Senator Blaylock moved to strip the amendment from the bill and send it back as it was.

Senator Mazurek said that he was glad that Representative Marks was here to hear this. He then asked for action to be taken on this amendment.

Senator Blaylock made a SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO PASS THE AMENDMENTS SHOWN AS EXHIBIT 1. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senator Mazurek MOVED HB 910 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Senator Story asked if he might have the floor as an opponent of this bill and Senator Blaylock granted his permission. Senator Story said that he would like to tell the committee why this bill shouldn't pass. He said, "your working space in this bill will be between the pillars except outside isles." There will be 600 square feet less than there is now...it will be smaller than the Supreme Court. He said the area outside the columns taking out space for passage way, leaves the rest so small they will not be able to use it for offices, etc. Senator Story said that you will be taking the present chamber's cloak room and make it an unneeded passage way; three committee rooms will be reduced to one. You will be spending one half million dollars including moving the ceiling.

Senator Story said that the problems that they have failed to address is committee rooms and office space for the Senators and what to do with the space between sessions.

Another thing we will have to negotiate with the House and we only have one card and that is the Chambers, he said.

JIM BROWN, PROPERTY ARCHITECT, presented a sketch, Scheme A, when they first started. This is the layout if they moved to the law library. He emphasized that some of the columns are false. The Historical Society has requested all columns stay

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for historical reasons. He showed that this plan has the speaker behind columns but not inhibited. They have gone 7 rows deep, 4 desks per row. Behind the speaker is the Bills Clerk's office and the Secretary of the Senate's office.

The law library measured inside from the face of the columns is 1680 square feet and it does include the additional room by putting in the speaker's desk. The present Chambers is 2025 square feet and the supreme court, 1674 square feet. He said the move should give them as much space as now.

Senator Story argued that he measured the present Senate Chambers to be 45 x 50, 2250 square feet and 83 feet in the side areas.

Mr. Brown said that the law library is functional and the move allows you to get together with your colleagues and get off by yourselves if that is what you want.

He said that wasted space in the capitol building is a common thing...look at the rotunda.

Senator Story argued, "you have not gained working space and you also lose the corridor between the Senate and House; and also, the cloak room will be way off-side and the bathroom will be half the size that it is now." Right now, he said, you have the snack bar between the two and both are within the sound of the respective chambers. If we move we will have the choice of keeping the present snack bar and adding another or the Senate can forget about the service. Another choice could be putting the snack bar in the rotunda and then it destroys one of the most beautiful areas.

There being no other comments or questions, QUESTION WAS CALLED on the Senator Mazurek's motion that HB 910 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 923: Senator Bob Marks, District 67, introduced this bill saying that he is not proposing that the Senate move but instead this is a vehicle so that they might if they choose to. This is just an attempt so if the other bill should pass and there is a movement to make a move. This bill would allow the legislature to turn this over without subjecting the Department of Administration. As far as the capitol building itself, the responsibility is in the hands of the Department of Administration to be taken over by the legislature. As far as the capitol complex goes, the Capital Building and Planning Committee will become the agent for the legislature. He said he presumes

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that the legislature would contract with the Department of Administration for the functional things necessary. The Department of Administration has had some difficult decisions to make and that is where the buck stops.

There were no proponents or opponents.

The meeting was opened for questions from the committee.

Senator Mazurek said that the question in his mind was the problem the Finance Committee ran into with the University and if they can delegate the planning committee to act on behalf of the legislature during the interim.

Senator Mazurek said, "I am not sure, there is a question in my mind how they would delegate that authority."

Senator Mc Callum asked how many members on this board. Senator Marks said there were 12 members...House, Senate and bipartisan.

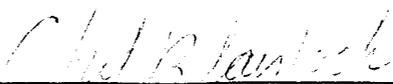
Representative Marks closed on HB 923.

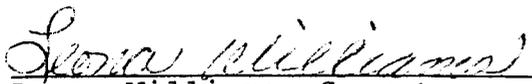
CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 782: HB 782 was presented by the sponsor Representative William Menahan, District 50, who stated that this bill speaks to the parking problem at the capitol. This bill will allow an agreement between the capitol guards and the city and the bill and is meant to get the Senate involved. He said that maybe when it is not so busy they could get together and figure this out, but said that at the present the guards have no authority.

There were no proponents and no opponents.

Senator Mazurek MOVED HB 782 BE CONCURRED IN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 a.m.

  
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Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman

  
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Leona Williams, Secretary



AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 910

1. Page 1, line 22.

FOLLOWING: "5-17-101"

STRIKE: "."

FOLLOWING: "such"

INSERT: "; however, such"

2. Page 1, lines 23 through 25.

STRIKE: lines 23, 24 and 25 in their entirety

3. Page 2, line 1.

STRIKE: "SUCH"

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MR. PRESIDENT

## LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on .....

having had under consideration..... **HOUSE BILL** No. **910**

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### TO ALLOW SENATE TO MOVE

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE BILL** No. **910**

be amended as follows:

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Chairman.

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MR. PRESIDENT

## LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

We, your committee on.....

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**PARKING ENFORCEMENT WITHIN CAPITOL COMPLEX BY CAPITOL  
SECURITY GUARDS**

HOUSE BILL

No. 782

Respectfully report as follows: That.....

**BE CONCURRED IN**

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**DO PASS**

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**DO NOT PASS**

**SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK**

Chairman.