

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Senator Chet Blaylock, on January 25, 1991, at 5:15 p.m., Room 403-405.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Chet Blaylock, Chairman (D)
Richard Manning, Vice Chairman (D)
Dorothy Eck (D)
Ethel Harding (R)
Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: Senator Crippen

Staff Present: None.

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

Announcements/Discussion: None

HEARING ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Menahan described HJR 5 as the bill concerning classification, pay and other conditions of employment for legislative employees. He said the only difference from the previous session's bill is that 50 cents an hour be added to the hourly compensation because legislative employees receive no benefits. At the present time employees are paid an additional 20 cents an hour which will be increased an additional 30 cents an hour to compensate employees because they are not entitled to health insurance, retirement or sick leave.

Another area of the Resolution provides that the bills coordinator and amendments coordinator be upgraded from a grade 10 to a grade 11. Also, Pages will be paid at the rate of \$4.00 an hour for the entire session even though the minimum wage rate of \$4.00 an hour doesn't go into effect until February 1, 1991. Those are the only changes from the previous session.

Proponents' Testimony:

none

Opponents' Testimony:

none

Questions From Committee Members:

Senator Harding questioned if these were benefits for employees because of their part-time status, and Representative Menahan replied they were, so that our employees could be compensated similar to wages of State employees.

Senator Blaylock stated that if we had annual sessions, we would likely have the additional benefits but since we have biennial sessions, this is the feasible way to compensate the employees.

Closing by Sponsor:

Representative Menahan closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

Motion:

Senator Manning moved that House Joint Resolution 5 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

None

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes:

Recommendation and Vote:

Motion that House Joint Resolution 5 BE CONCURRED IN carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 5:30 p.m.


CHET BLAYLOCK, Chairman

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