

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND PUBLIC
SAFETY**

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN STANLEY FISHER**, on January 23, 2001
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Stanley Fisher, Chairman (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)
Rep. Jeff Pattison (R)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Arnie Mohl, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mary LaFond, OBPP
Lorene Thorson, Legislative Branch
Sandra Whitaker, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: Department of Justice,
Forensics Science Lab, Agency
Legal Services, Gambling,
Motor Vehicle Department, Mt.
Highway Patrol

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON FORENSICS SCIENCE LAB

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked for clarification of the reminder mail
notices to be sent out by the motor vehicle division. **Ms. Mary
LaFond, OBPP**, distributed copies of the statute which states "may

allow the owner...to renew...by mail" in one paragraph and "must provide for a written reminder notice by mail" in another paragraph. **Ms. Lorene Thorson, LFD**, is seeking a legal opinion from her department.

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SEN. CHRISTIAENS felt it might be a time saving item for the counties and eliminate long lines at the offices. **CHAIRMAN FISHER** stated the Martz budget has eliminated the budget for mail notices; therefore, clarification must be obtained.

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked if it was possible to ask Attorney General Mike McGrath who was in the audience for an opinion on the National Guard Scholarship Program Award Program being used in secular schools. **CHAIRMAN FISHER** stated Brigadier General Frank Tobel is proceeding in asking for that opinion on behalf of the military.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **THE BASE LEVEL OF FUNDING PLUS STATEWIDE PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS (TO INCLUDE DP 699-ADDED VACANCY SAVINGS, AND DP 698-DECREASE RENT OF STATE BUILDINGS) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 3201 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved that **DP 3202 SUBJECT TO FEDERAL FUNDING BECOMING AVAILABLE TO USE, OR A FEDERAL MANDATE FOR ACCREDITATION BE PUT IN PLACE BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved that **DP 3205 ELIMINATION OF LAB EQUIPMENT IN THE BASE BUDGET OF \$165,614 GENERAL FUND FOR THE BIENNIUM BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 3204 LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT AUTHORITY BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved that **DP 3206 REDUCE NON-EMPLOYEE TRAVEL BY 50% EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM FROM THE GENERAL FUND BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **NEW PROPOSAL TO ADD .50 FTE FORENSIC SCIENTIST BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion: Ms. LaFond stated the standard recommendation when putting the budget together was to use already vacant positions instead of adding another FTE. The Governor's Office did not recommend this position. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** stated the backlog created due to under staffing is hindering speedy trials. Also, the intent was for the current full-time FTE to go half-time which allowed the lab to advertise for a full-time FTE and draw a better qualified individual. **SEN. ZOOK** asked where the funding would come from for the position if the committee did not approve this additional FTE. **Ms. LaFond** replied it would come from vacancy savings.

Substitute Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** made a substitute motion **NEW PROPOSAL TO ADD .50 FTE FORENSIC SCIENTIST NOT BE ADOPTED**. Substitute motion carried 4-3 with Callahan, Christiaens, and Shea voting no.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON LEGAL SERVICES

Motion: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1001 LSD BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS BE ADOPTED**.

Discussion: **REP. PATTISON** would like to reduce the travel fund by \$10,000. **Mr. Larry Fasbender, Deputy Director, Dept. of Justice**, responded the travel is basically for the new Child Protection Services Unit which not fully operational in the last biennium. **Ms. LaFond** stated this is to annualize the costs for travel. The five lawyers are each responsible for 10-17 counties in the region which requires extensive travel to attend court hearings, meet with county attorneys, meet with social workers, etc. **CHAIRMAN FISHER** asked the previous amount allocated. **Ms. Thorson** responded the base budget amount is \$64,415, the increase requested is \$18,461, and the total is a little over \$83,000 a year. With **REP. PATTISON'S** motion, it would be at \$73,000 each year. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** reminded the committee the unit was not fully operational the entire year. He tries to look at the long-reaching effects of the decisions made.

Substitute Motion/Vote: **REP. PATTISON** made a substitute motion that **DP 1001 LSD BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS BE REDUCED \$10,000 IN THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE BE ADOPTED**. Substitute motion carried 5-2 with Callahan and Shea voting no.

Motion: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1002 TO ADD .50 FTE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BE ADOPTED**.

Discussion: SEN. ZOOK asked Ms. LaFond if the same situation applied here as in the Forensics Science Lab that the FTE should be funded out of vacancy savings. Ms. LaFond replied it did not. There are no additional funds requested for this position. SEN. ZOOK asked if it would be become part of the base. Mr. Fasbender answered they had reduced the grades in some positions to save enough to acquire another .50 FTE. The base will not change.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1002 TO ADD .50 FTE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

CHAIRMAN FISHER stated DP 1003 was removed in the Martz budget. Ms. Thorson stated since the Martz budget is the document being used as the base, and DP 1003 was removed, no action is required by the committee.

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked how the non-participating tobacco companies were going to be audited if the funds were removed with which to do it. Ms. Thorson stated it would be absorbed in the major litigation funding. SEN. ZOOK added other states were watching those companies.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ZOOK moved that DP 1005 MAJOR LITIGATION BASE ADJUSTMENTS REDUCING THE ORIGINAL DP BY \$50,000 EACH YEAR LEAVING \$400,000 AS A RESTRICTED BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked if that would be a one-time restriction. Ms. Thorson replied the way the motion was made, it would be a line item as a biennial appropriation and only be spent for major litigation. If a one-time only designation were added, it would be dropped out of the base next biennium.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ZOOK moved that LANGUAGE RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE: "THE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES THAT THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LITIGATION IN WHICH THE LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION TO THE STATE OF MONTANA MAY EXCEED THE APPROPRIATION PROVIDED. IN THAT EVENT, THE DEPARTMENT WILL NEED TO REQUEST A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE 2003 LEGISLATURE TO ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE STATE." BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

In regards to DP 1004, Funding Switch, the Martz budget did not agree with the funding switch from the state special revenue to the general fund and eliminated it. When the package was put together, the FTE was eliminated which was not the intent. The intent was to leave it in state special revenue; therefore, no

motion on DP 1005 New Proposal by Martz would leave it as is and clear up the problem.

The committee took no action on DP 1005 in the Martz budget Eliminate State Special Revenue funds for Fraud Prosecutor.

Motion: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that ATTORNEY GENERAL NEW PROPOSAL FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR EXEMPT STAFF OF \$100,000 EACH YEAR WITH \$85,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND \$15,000 STATE SPECIAL REVENUE BE ADOPTED.

Discussion: SEN. PATTISON asked for an explanation for the purpose of the additional money. Ms. Thorson stated it was a request from the Attorney General to become competitive in salary offerings for exempt personnel.

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Mr. Fasbender added when salaries are substantially below the private sector and even county government, it is not possible to get quality attorneys. He added in the Attorney General's office, people serve at the pleasure of the elected official, unlike other agencies, and better wages would help in recruiting when there is no job security involved. Attorney General McGrath spoke to the importance of having a quality attorney to handle the major litigation just approved by the committee. To hire a law firm to work for the State would cost thousands more dollars than the one solicitor employed by the Attorney General's office. There are 15 exempt positions in the Attorney General's office.

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. ZOOK made a substitute motion that ATTORNEY GENERAL NEW PROPOSAL FOR SALARY INCREASES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 WITH \$65,000 FROM GENERAL FUND AND \$15,000 STATE SPECIAL REVENUE EACH YEAR BE ADOPTED. Substitute motion carried 5-3 with Callahan, Christiaens and Shea voting no.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON AGENCY LEGAL SERVICES

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that IN AGENCY LEGAL SERVICES THE PROPRIETARY RATE BE RAISED TO \$70 FOR ATTORNEYS AND \$38 FOR PARALEGALS IN THE 2003 BIENNIUM BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

SEN. ZOOK asked in going back to the exempt positions in the Attorney Generals office, if this is occurring in other departments. Ms. Thorson offered to get the information for the

next meeting. **SEN. ZOOK** added if it is and it is being treated substantially different, it may be necessary for the committee to revisit this issue.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON GAMBLING CONTROL DIVISION

Motion: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 7001 BASE ADJUSTMENTS BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion: **Ms. Thorson** gave the committee new information regarding item #3, communication expenses involved in the central system's nightly calls to collect video-gaming machine meter readings. The Gambling Control Division is reducing this request by \$30,072 total funds in 2002 and \$45,072 in 2003. This makes the general fund for 2002 \$12,356 for a total fund amount of \$58,837. In 2003 general fund would be \$12,207 and the total \$58,129. The Gambling Control Division checked into passing the cost of these calls on to the owners and did not get a good response. **Ms. Thorson** stated, however, Nevada long distance rates had been used to figure the amounts and when redone with Montana rates, the figures are to be reduced.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 7001 GCD BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT WITH THE LONG DISTANCE REDUCTION BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.**

SEN. ZOOK addressed item #7 and would move to make it a line item; however, since the entire package had been moved on and accepted, he deferred.

Motion: **SEN. ZOOK** moved that **DP 7002 2 FTE FOR AARS BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion: **REP. PATTISON** suggested cutting that back to one FTE.

Substitute Motion: **REP. PATTISON** made a substitute motion that **DP 7001 2 FTE FOR AARS BE REDUCED TO 1 FTE BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** felt this would cripple the program. With the money spent on the new system for reporting (AARS), they need two people to get the job done. **Mr. Gene Huntington, Administrator, Gambling Control Division,** reminded the committee that when the decision was made to go to the dial-up reporting system in the last session, two FTE were talked about—one is needed for the data base and one for communications. This request is to reconcile this year's budget with the intent of the

1999 legislature. **SEN. ZOOK** stated that was correct and the legislature should keep their word.

REP. PATTISON, with all due respect, asked his substitute motion to stand.

Substitute Motion/Vote: **REP. PATTISON** made a substitute motion that **DP 7001 2 FTE FOR AARS BE REDUCED TO 1 FTE BE ADOPTED**. Substitute motion failed 1-6 with Pattison voting aye.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 7002 2 FTE FOR AARS BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 6-1 with Pattison voting no.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved that **DP 7008 MARTZ BUDGET REDUCE NON-EMPLOYEE TRAVEL BY 50% EACH YEAR FOR A SAVINGS OF \$1,153 GENERAL FUND EACH YEAR BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 7003 IMAGING SYSTEM, LICENSING RECORDS BE ADOPTED**.

Discussion: **REP. PATTISON** asked if this was changing from microfiche. **Ms. LaFond** replied that was in Motor Vehicle Division. This is in the Gambling Division. **Mr. Fasbender** stated changing to imaging will make it more efficient to move information around since it is all housed in Helena. This will save time in application processing also. **Ms. Lafond** added gambling license fees pay for this and there is no general fund money involved.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 7003 IMAGING SYSTEM, LICENSING RECORDS BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1201 ITEM #1 \$5,000 OVERTIME BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1202 ITEM #2 PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES NEW CONTRACT BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1201 ITEM #3 COMPUTER PROCESSING/DOA COSTS BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0.

SEN. ZOOK asked if someone in the agency could speak to the increased travel costs in DP 1201 item #4. **Mr. Dean Roberts, Administrator, Department of Motor Vehicles**, stated in state training is required for all the driver license examiners and clerks. This would allow them to meet twice a year for training rather than once a year. Also, the national convention for American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators last year was held in the state. There will be an additional cost in the future to attend this convention out of state.

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked for the base travel amount. **Ms. Thorson** stated the base is \$93,068; the additional would make it \$104,280.

Ms. LaFond added the travel request is to annualize it. Also the second visit each year is to train for some of the legislative changes, expanded high risk driver identification and ADA compliance issues. These changes are just being implemented in this two-year period.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved that **DO 1202 ITEM #4 INCREASED TRAVEL BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion/Vote: **SEN. ZOOK** moved that **DP 1201 ITEM #5 INCREASED RENT OF \$33,080 FOR 2002 AND \$36,786 IN 2003 AND ITEMS #1 AND #2 UNDER SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION WITH \$42,842 REDUCED EACH YEAR FOR ONE-TIME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW MISSOULA LOCATION AND \$4,800 REDUCTION EACH YEAR FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.**

Motion: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1202 \$50,664 EACH YEAR FOR ANNUALIZATION COSTS BE ADOPTED.**

Substitute Motion: **SEN. ZOOK** made a substitute motion that **DP 1202 WITH \$25,000 REDUCTION BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion: **SEN. ZOOK** felt the reduction was in order with the LFD explanation. **Ms. LaFond** asked **Mr. Roberts** to speak to that. **Mr. Roberts** stated in having to meet many of the legislative mandates which were not funded, they had to transfer money from other areas, one of which vacancy savings. In this manner they were able to not request supplemental funds.

SEN. ZOOK withdrew his substitute motion.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1202 \$50,664 EACH YEAR FOR ANNUALIZATION COSTS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.**

CHAIRMAN FISHER questioned the \$50,000 overtime costs in DP 1202. **SEN. CHRISTIANS** stated it was the backlog situation which is very irritating to the public. **CHAIRMAN FISHER** asked if approving the next DP 1203 for the imaging project would remove the need for so much overtime. **SEN. SHEA** felt that was possible but it would take some time and overtime would still be necessary until the program was up and running. **Ms. LaFond** agreed it would take time to make the transfer and it would reduce high overtime costs in the future. **Mr. Fasbender** stated possibly the committee would want to look at the \$50,000 overtime again after addressing DP 1203.

Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1203 TITLE AND REGISTRATION BUREAU IMAGING PROJECT BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0.

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Motion/Vote: **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** moved that **DP 1202 ITEM #2 \$50,000 OVERTIME BE REDUCED TO \$25,000 WITH ALL OTHER ITEMS REMAINING AS PRESENTED BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: **REP. PATTISON** moved that **THE COMMITTEE REVISIT ITEM #3 \$5000 TO DESIGN NEW LICENSE PLATES IN DP 1202 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion followed on removing the \$5000 cost for designing new license plates for distribution in 2004. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** asked about the Lewis & Clark bicentennial coming and plates being designed for that. **Mr. Fasbender** added a bill would be required to allow the current plates to go for an eight-year period. That would reduce the need for the \$5000 in this biennium. **REP. PATTISON** asked if removing the funds would in essence eliminate new plates in four years. **Mr. Fasbender** responded it would not; the law states new plates are to be issued every four years.

Motion/Vote: **REP. PATTISON** moved that **DP 1202 ITEM #3 \$5000 TO DESIGN NEW LICENCE PLATES BE REMOVED BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 6-1 with Callahan voting no.

CHAIRMAN FISHER stated item DP 1204 has been taken out by the Martz budget. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** stated the computer programs will be addressed in HB 15; however, **Ms. Lafond** stated DP 1204 was a computer application study which the Martz budget removed; therefore, it should probably be removed by the committee.

Motion/Vote: SEN. SHEA moved that DP 1204 MOTOR VEHICLE COMPUTER SYSTEMS STUDY BE REMOVED BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1205 REDUCE NON-EMPLOYEE TRAVEL BY 50% PER THE MARTZ BUDGET BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: SEN. ZOOK moved that DP 1206 MARTZ BUDGET TO ELIMINATE MOTOR VEHICLE MAIL RENEWAL NOTICES BE ADOPTED.

Discussion: Ms. Lafond stated that in view of the confusion in the language in the statute, they may want to revisit this issue at a later time.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ZOOK moved that DP 1206 MARTZ BUDGET TO ELIMINATE MOTOR VEHICLE MAIL RENEWAL NOTICES BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 6-1 with Callahan voting no.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL DIVISION

Motion: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1301 ITEMS 1-7 OPERATING BASE ADJUSTMENTS BE ADOPTED.

Discussion: SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked the committee that although he moved for all items (1-7), please keep in mind the jail costs at more than \$1 million in item #2 possibly should not be paid by the Montana State Highway Patrol.

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked about the gas tax the Highway Patrol has to pay. **Colonel Obert, Montana Highway Patrol,** replied the state gas tax is \$.27 and federal is \$.18. They get the \$.18 federal break but pay the state which goes directly into the gas tax fund from which they get most of their funds. **SEN. CHRISTIAENS** asked if the \$1.52 took that tax reduction into consideration. **Colonel Obert** responded it did; the price of gas they paid was \$1.65 to \$1.70. **Ms. LaFond** checked three other agencies to see if they requested an increase in gas costs for their agency--Military Affairs, Public Service Commission, and Department of Justice. They had not; however, she pointed out that the business of the Highway Patrol is to be on the highway and gas costs are a much larger item for them.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1301 ITEMS 1-7 OPERATING BASE ADJUSTMENTS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1302 MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BASE ADJUSTMENTS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

SEN. CHRISTIAENS stated this was federal spending authority. SEN. ZOOK stated all decision packages left involved were no general funds.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1303 RECRUIT SCHOOL BASE ADJUSTMENTS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1305 COMMUNICATION OPERATORS BE ADOPTED.

Discussion: CHAIRMAN FISHER asked for clarification on the 3 FTE for communications operators. Colonel Obert stated no additional equipment was being purchased; the dispatchers are to be added in each of the three communications centers in Helena, Missoula, and Billings. This is to keep up with the current radio workload, warrants, etc., on a 24 hour, 7 days a week basis. Ms. Thorson stated the money is state special money.

SEN. ZOOK asked if the 3 new FTE would decrease overtime expenses in DP 1301, item #1. He particularly wondered about the time spent with the production of movies. Colonel Obert replied the movies do pay for the officers' time. The overtime for dispatchers is due mainly to a very poor retention rate. They have turned over 90% in 24 months. Overtime is necessary when there is a vacancy. Colonel Obert hopes the 3 new FTE will reduce the stress and burnout which causes the turnover.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1305 COMMUNICATION OPERATORS BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked for an explanation on DP 1306 which is the legislative contract authority. Ms. Thorson replied it is the same as the other agencies have. Language needs to be added for increasing the amount on this package. SEN. ZOOK asked for examples of Montana Highway Patrol contracts. Colonel Obert responded it would be used with grants for such items as in-car videos, certain other equipment, and services. The spending authority allows them not to turn federal money away.

CHAIRMAN FISHER asked about the language for the retirement account. Mr. Fasbender explained the retirement funds must be transferred into a special account by law but they need spending

authority to distribute the funds. That amount needs to be increased to \$1.5 million.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved that DP 1306 LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 OVER THE BIENNIUM IN THE EVENT GRANTS ARE RECEIVED BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CHRISTIAENS moved to adopt the LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATION AS FOLLOWS: "THERE IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT CLEARING ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENTS TO THE MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL PENSION FUND THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR THIS TRANSFER, NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 PER FISCAL YEAR." Motion carried 7-0.

CHAIRMAN FISHER closed the executive action.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:34 A.M.

REP. STANLEY FISHER, Chairman

SANDRA WHITAKER, Secretary

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