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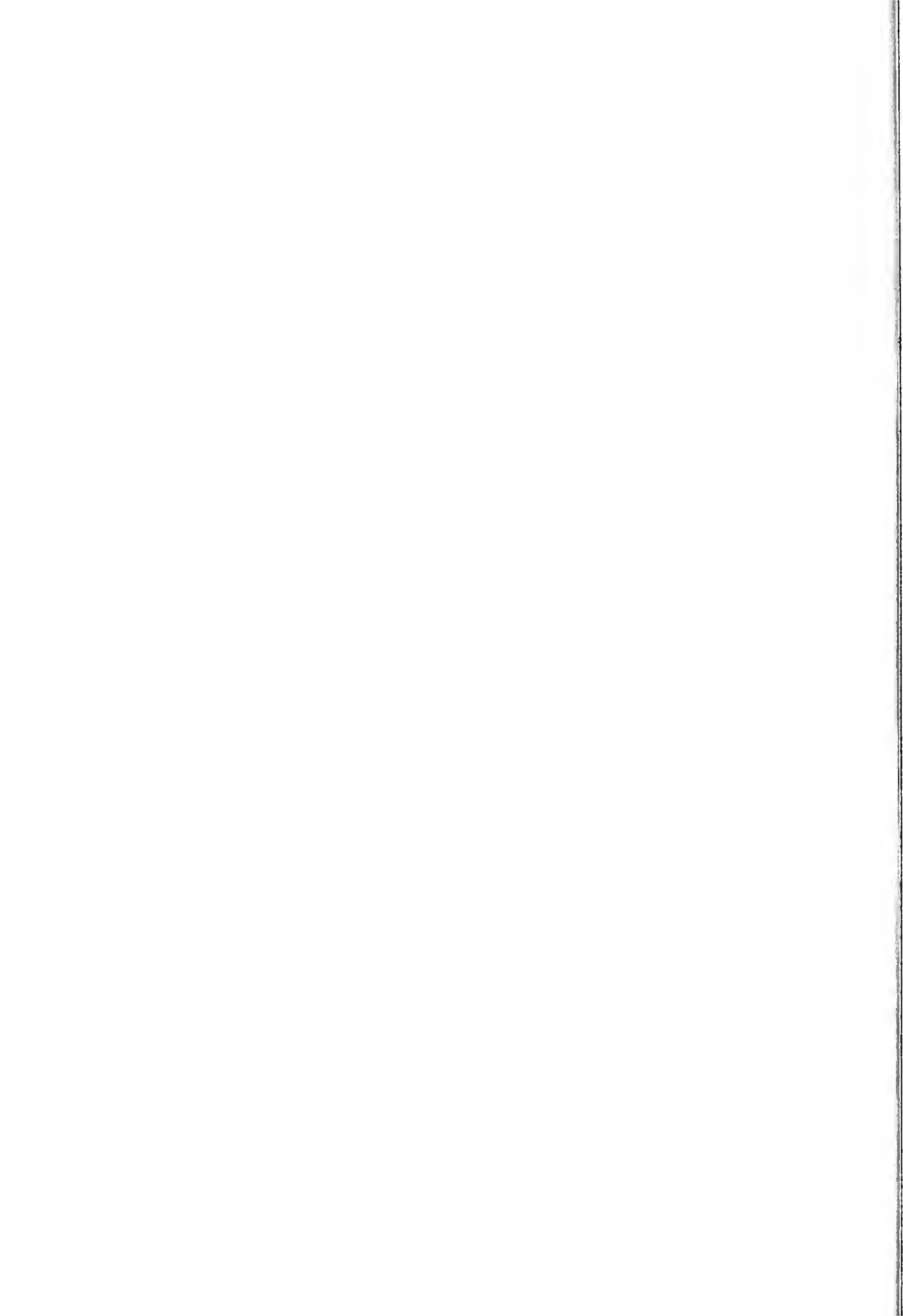
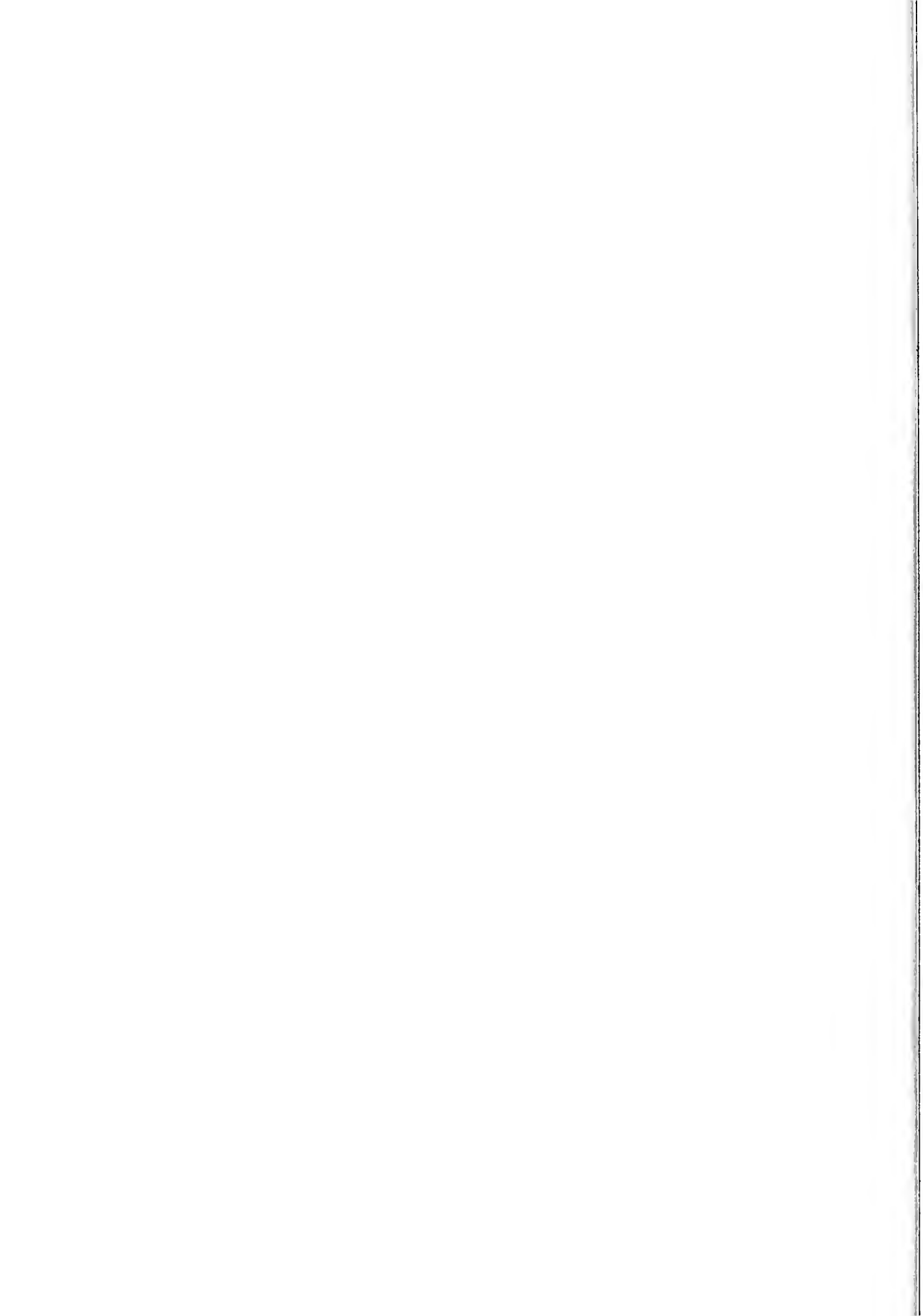


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## INTRODUCTION

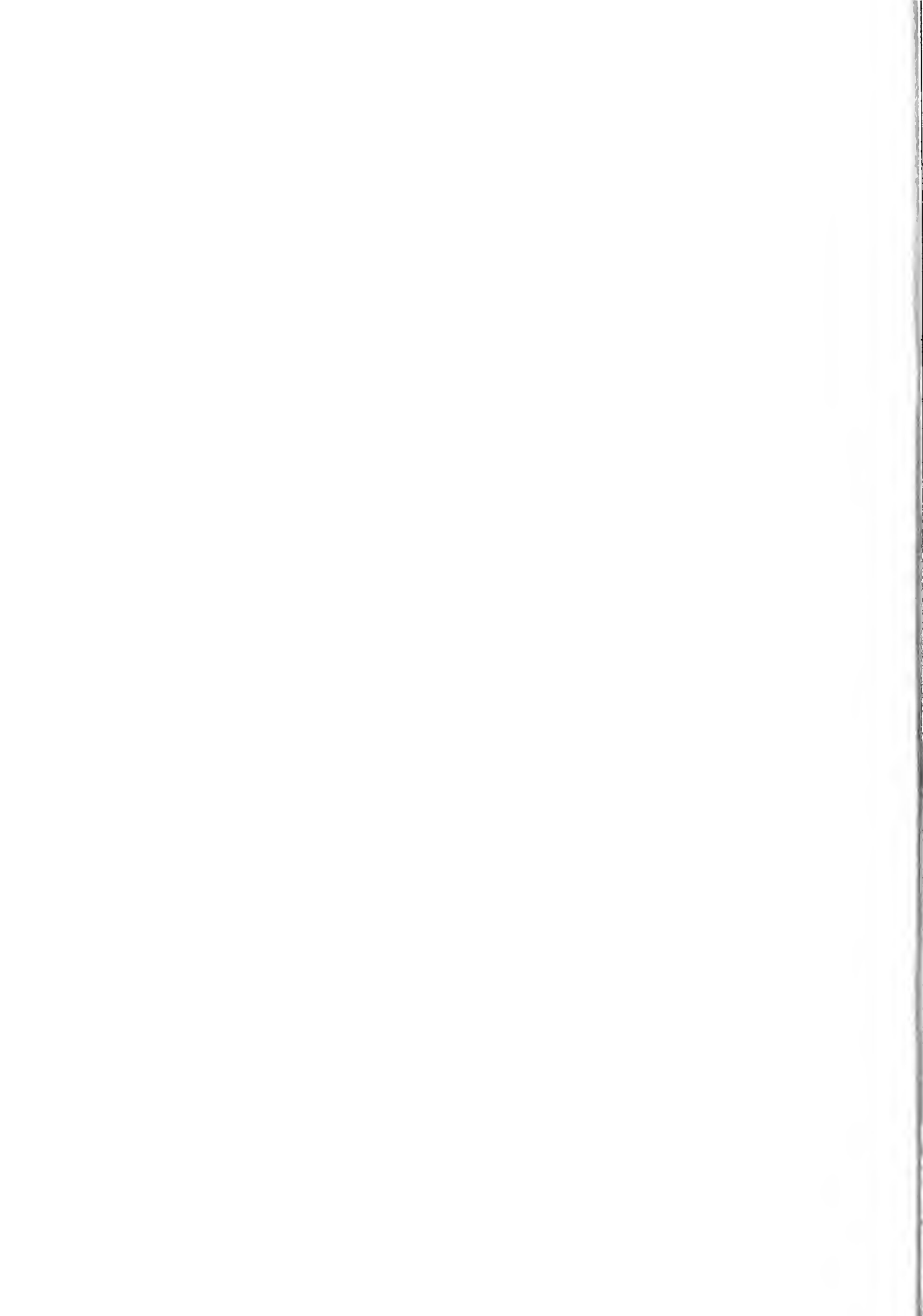
The Montana Legislative Council publishes the Directory of Interim Committees as a summary reference to the study assignments, interim committee memberships, and staff of interim legislative committees.

The Committee on Priorities considers requests for interim studies based on resolutions adopted by the legislature. At the end of the 1977 session, the Committee on Priorities assigned studies to seven interim committees, most of which are formed of members appointed from several standing committees in each house. All interim committees are bipartisan and are equally composed of senators and representatives. A chairman is elected by the members of the committee.

Each committee makes its own study and final recommendations for presentation to the next legislature. Approval of recommendations by the Legislative Council or a full standing committee is not required.

Staff assistance for interim studies is provided by the Legislative Council.

In addition to the interim committees, other committees that are established by statute continue to operate during the interim. In the following pages are listed all committees that have been established to operate during the 1977-79 interim.





SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
WATER RIGHTS

Study Resolution:

HJR 81; HJR 23

The subcommittee on water rights has been established to study the methods for and progress in the determination of existing water rights in Montana; to study the methods for determination of existing water rights of other Western states; and to study the feasibility of establishing a preference system of water rights in Montana.

Subcommittee Membership:

Rep. John Scully,  
Chairman  
Rep. William Day  
Rep. Jack Ramirez  
Rep. Audrey Roth

Sen. Jack Galt,  
Vice-chairman  
Sen. Russell Bergren  
Sen. Paul Boylan  
Sen. Jean Turnage

Staff:

Robert B. Person



SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN SERVICES

Study Resolutions:

HJR 88; HJR 95; SJR 46

This subcommittee has been assigned to study the delivery of human services in Montana state government and to design, where possible, an integrated system for the delivery of human services at the state and regional level. The subcommittee was also assigned to consider combining certain advocacy and appeal agencies and placing them in a separate department. The subcommittee will also study the feasibility of extending certificate of need requirements to new or expanded mental health facilities.

Subcommittee Membership:

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Sen. Robert J. Brown  | Rep. Joe Brand       |
| Sen. Harold C. Nelson | Rep. Howard L. Ellis |
| Sen. A. T. Rasmussen  | Rep. Rex Manuel      |
| Sen. Bill Thomas      | Rep. William Menahan |
| Sen. Thomas E. Towe   | Rep. Darryl Meyer    |

Staff:

Richard S. Hargesheimer



SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
SUBDIVISION LAWS

Study Resolution:

SJR 43

The subcommittee on subdivision laws is assigned to study all of Montana's laws relating to subdivisions for the purpose of generally clarifying, updating, supplementing, and revising those laws.

Subcommittee Membership:

Sen. Harold Dover  
Sen. Elmer Flynn  
Sen. William Murray  
Sen. Joe Roberts

Rep. Thomas R. Conroy  
Rep. Burt Hurwitz  
Rep. Earl C. Lory  
Rep. Arthur H. Shelden

Staff:

Deborah B. Schmidt



SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
STATE LEGAL SERVICES AND ELECTION LAWS

Study Resolutions:

HJR 14; HJR 59

This subcommittee has been assigned two distinct studies. The first assignment is a study of all laws pertaining to elections in the state of Montana and preparation of a revised election code to guarantee uniform control over elections in the state. The second assignment asks for an assessment of the status of lawyers and legal services in and for state government. The subcommittee is to develop recommendations for coordinated and economical legal services.

Subcommittee Membership:

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Sen. Everett R. Lensink | Rep. Jim Courtney    |
| Sen. William Murray     | Rep. Ralph Eudaily   |
| Sen. Ann K. Regan       | Rep. John P. Scully  |
| Sen. Margaret S. Warden | Rep. Carl A. Seifert |

Staff:

Dennis M. Taylor





SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWS

Study Resolution:

SJR 39

This subcommittee has been assigned to study the proposals advanced in HB 122 and submit recommendations for consideration of the 46th Legislature.

Subcommittee Membership:

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Sen. Chet Blaylock   | Rep. Verner L. Bertelsen |
| Sen. Robert J. Brown | Rep. Paul K. Kropp       |
| Sen. George McCallum | Rep. Helen G. O'Connell  |
| Sen. Peter R. Story  | Rep. Hershel M. Robbins  |
| Sen. Bill Thomas     | Rep. Audrey Roth         |
| Sen. Robert D. Watt  | Rep. Steve Waldron       |

Staff:

Dennis M. Taylor



SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION

Study Resolutions:

SJR 11; HJR 18; HJR 100

Three studies were assigned to the Subcommittee on Education. The first study requested by SJR 11 calls for a study of laws relating to community college districts in order to clarify, update, supplement, and revise those laws and to form an adequately comprehensive body of law dealing with community college districts. The second study is outlined in HJR 18. That resolution asks for a study of the collection, preservation, and dissemination of Montana's historical and cultural heritage, investigate alternative methods of financing and coordinating an archival system for the state, the development of archeological sites, matters related to the Historical Society, and other related topics. The third assignment is a study of the governance of Montana's vocational education programs in elementary schools, high schools, postsecondary vocational centers, and colleges. As requested by HJR 100, the subcommittee is to recommend changes that will promote efficiency and effectiveness and determine the roles to be played by the various governing entities.

Subcommittee Membership:

Sen. Chet Blaylock  
Sen. Larry Fasbender  
Sen. William Mathers  
Sen. George McCallum

Rep. Fred Barrett  
Rep. Ann Mary Dussault  
Rep. Peter Gilligan  
Rep. Darryl Meyer

Staff:

Robert B. Person



SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE IMPROVEMENT

Study Resolution:

SJR 45

This subcommittee is to review the means by which other legislatures attempt to control the number of bills introduced in the session. The subcommittee will also review the manner in which the Committee on Priorities assigns interim studies.

Subcommittee Membership:

Sen. Carroll Graham  
Sen. Allen Kolstad  
Sen. William Norman  
Sen. Stan Stephens

Rep. Dorothy Bradley  
Rep. Bob Marks  
Rep. Mike Meloy  
Rep. Jack Moore

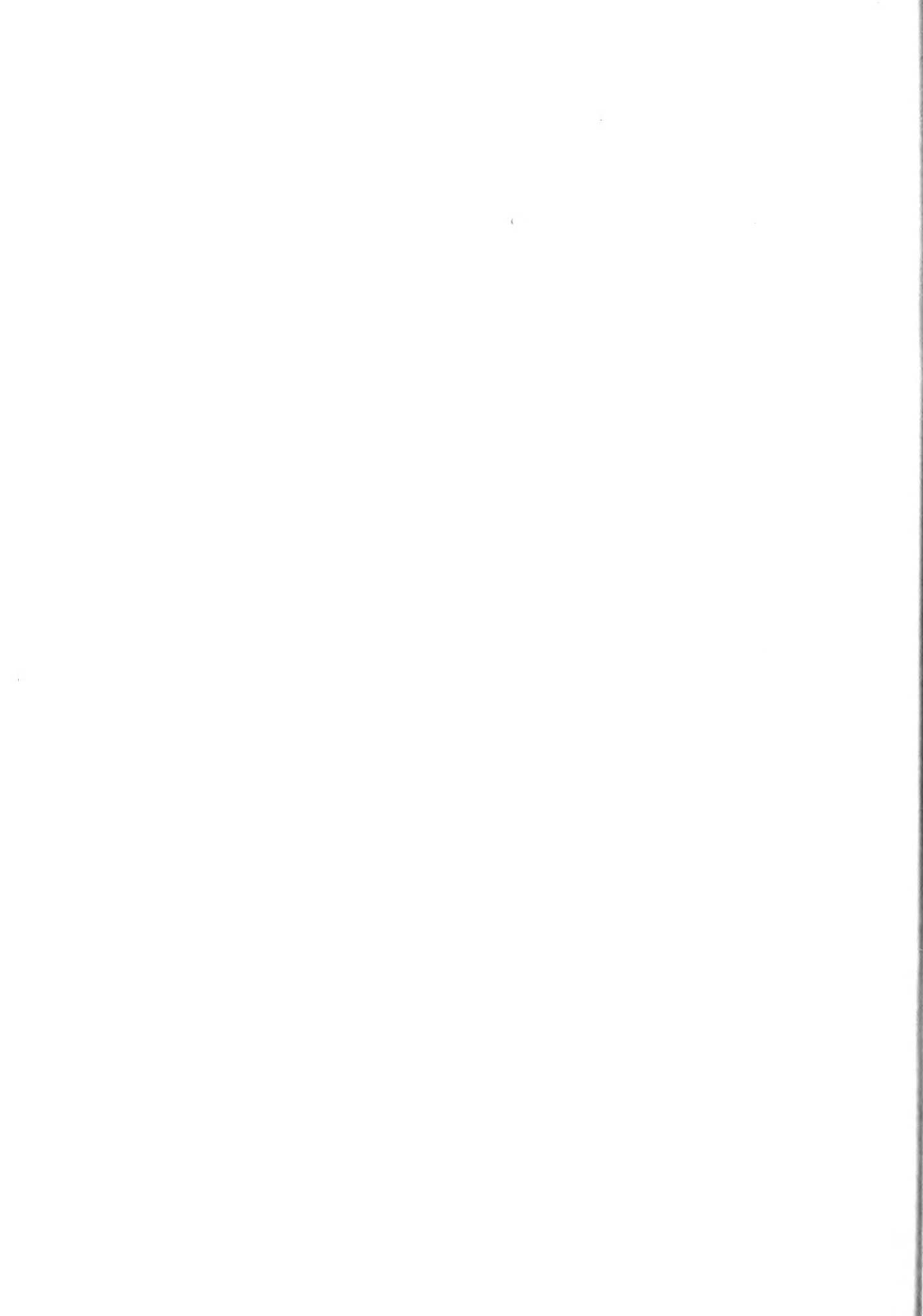
Staff:

Rosie Weber



STATUTORY COMMITTEES  
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The committees listed in this section were created and assigned duties by specific statutes rather than by the interim committee process. The Legislative Council provides staff assistance upon request.





ADMINISTRATIVE CODE COMMITTEE

Established by Chapter 410, Laws of Montana, 1975, as a permanent joint committee, the Administrative Code Committee is to review new rules and amendments to rules proposed under the Administrative Procedure Act.

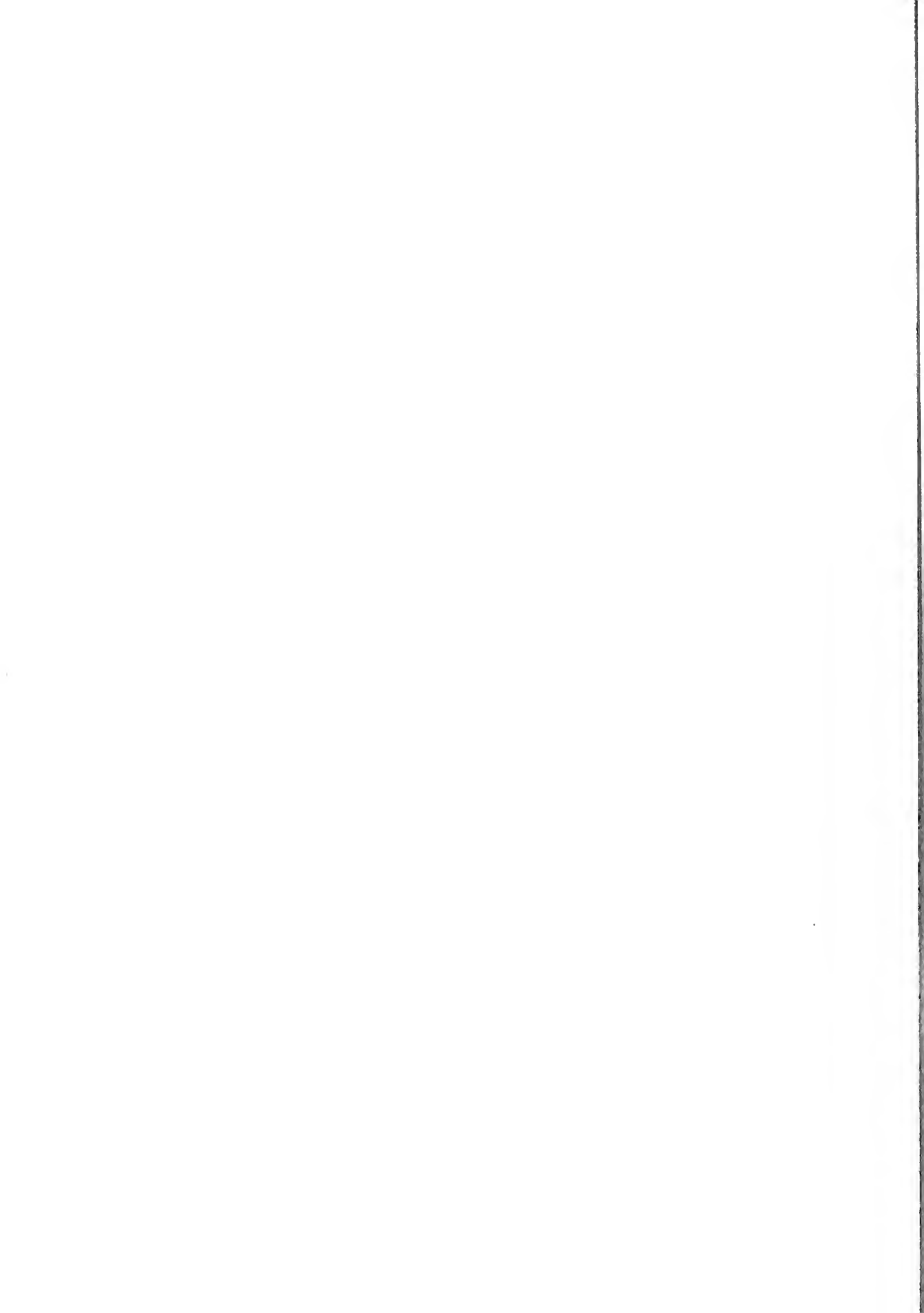
Committee Membership:

Sen. Jean A. Turnage  
Chairman  
Sen. John W. Devine  
Sen. Elmer Flynn  
Sen. William E. Murray

Rep. Fred O Barrett  
Rep. Hal Harper  
Rep. Jack Ramirez  
Rep. Joe Tropila

Staff:

Legal Services Division



COAL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Established by section 15, Chapter 502, Laws of Montana, 1975, and funded from the portion of coal taxes allocated to local impact grants, the Coal Tax Oversight Committee is to review expenditures of coal revenues authorized for new programs, to monitor implementation of such programs, and to make recommendations to the administering agencies and the Legislature.

Committee Membership:

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Sen. Dave Manning    | Rep. E. N. Dassinger |
| Chairman             | Rep. Ed Lien         |
| Sen. George Roskie   | Rep. Warren O'Keefe  |
| Sen. William Mathers | Rep. Elmer Severson  |
| Sen. Thomas E. Towe  |                      |

Staff:

Teresa Olcott Cohea



CAPITOL BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Capitol Building and Planning Committee operates under the authority of section 78-1301, R.C.M. 1947. Its functions are to establish a master plan for the orderly development of future state buildings in the State Capitol area. The committee prepares a written report for the Legislature under the general supervision of the Legislative Council.

Committee Membership:

Sen. William R. Lowe,  
Chairman  
Sen. Margaret S. Warden

Rep. Edith Cox  
Rep. Russell Baeth

Secretary of State, Frank Murray  
Director of Administration, Jack Crosser  
Director, Lewis and Clark APO, Denis Voqt

Staff:

Robert B. Person



## REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

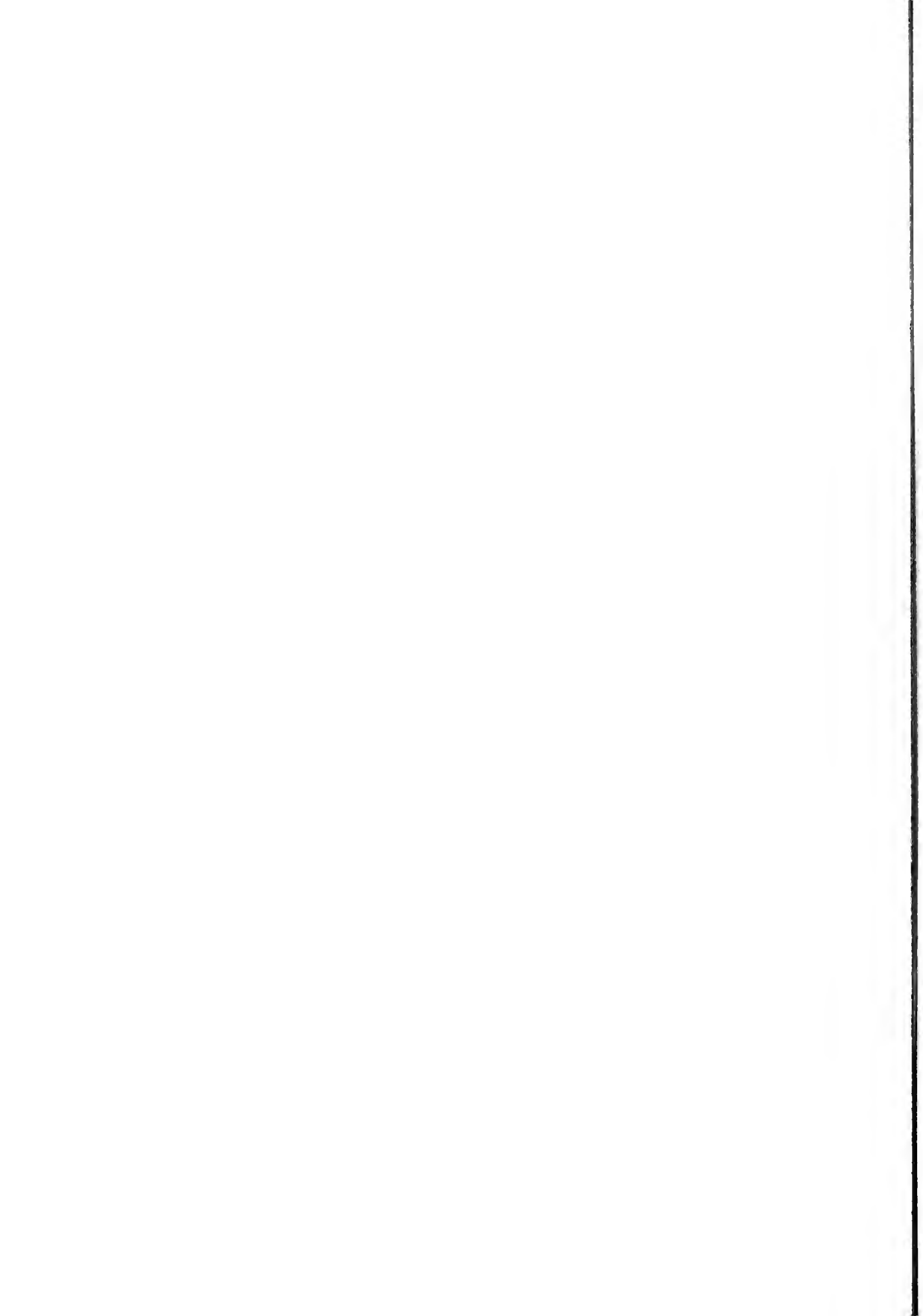
The Revenue Oversight Committee was established by Chapter 458, Laws of 1977, as a joint committee of the Legislature active until adjournment of the 46th Legislature. The committee is to make interim studies of the statewide reappraisal of real property and its property tax consequences, the taxation of financial institutions by methods that may replace the bank shares tax, and the appropriate level of taxation of the gross proceeds of metal mines. The committee is also charged with continuing legislative oversight of the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue will work closely with the committee to provide technical assistance.

### Committee Membership:

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Sen. Larry Fasbender | Rep. W. Jay Fabrega     |
| Sen. Pat Goodover    | Rep. Harrison Fagg      |
| Sen. William Mathers | Rep. Herb Huennekens    |
| Sen. Thomas E. Towe  | Rep. Robert Sivertsen   |
| Sen. Jean Turnage    | Rep. John Vincent       |
| Sen. Robert Watt     | Rep. J. Melvin Williams |

### Staff:

Teresa Olcott Cohea  
Department of Revenue Liaison: Charles Gillespie





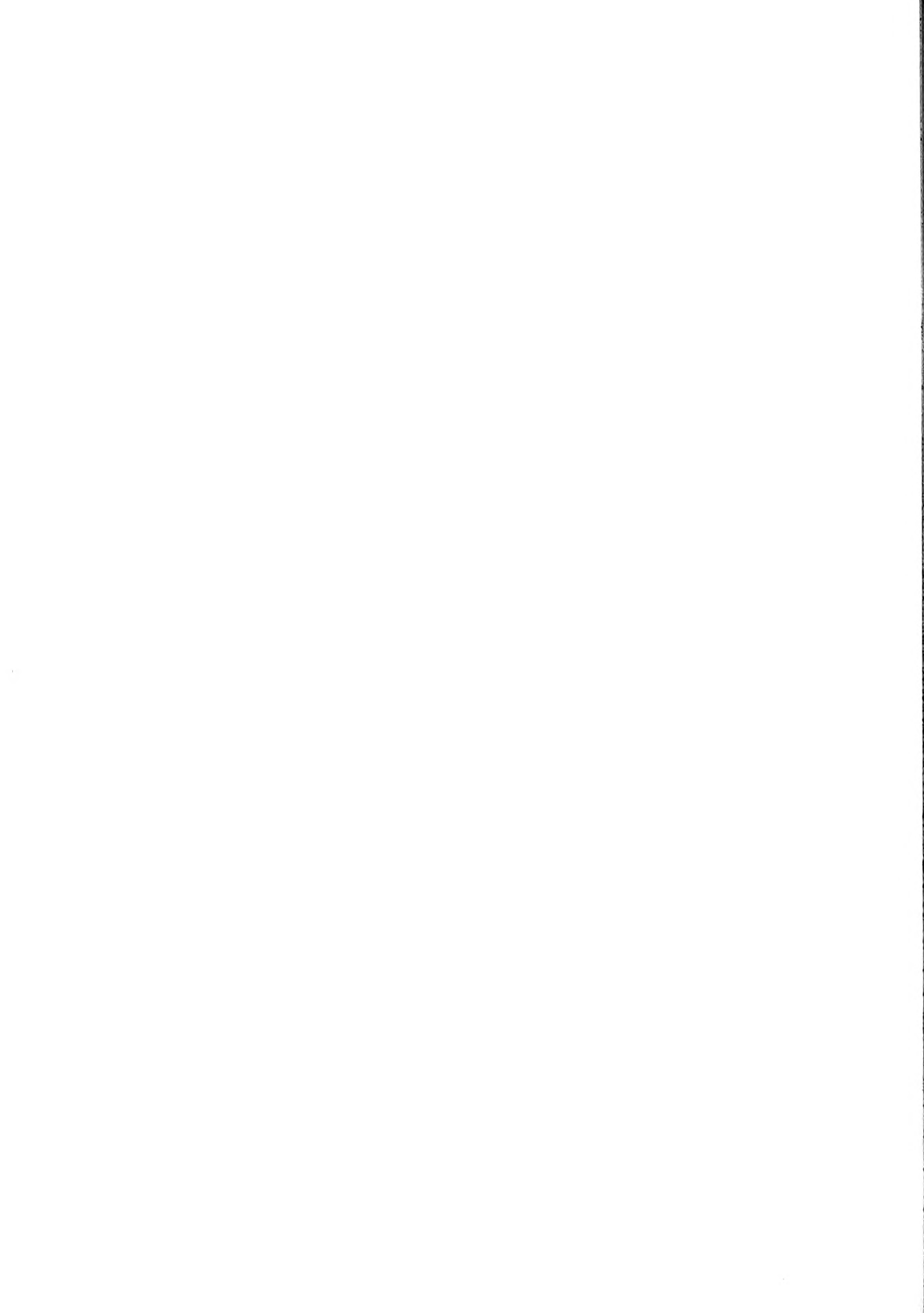
## MONTANA SALARY COMMISSION

The Salary Commission comprises eight members appointed by the Governor, legislative leaders and the Supreme Court. Creation of such a commission is required by Article XIII, Section 3 of the 1972 Montana Constitution, which states that the commission is to "recommend compensation for the judiciary and the elected members of the legislative and executive branches."



MONTANA SALARY COMMISSION

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Appointed<br/>By</u> | <u>Term<br/>Expires</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Arnold Berger<br>301 Park Hill Drive<br>Billings, Montana 59101         | Chief Justice           | 3/1/79                  |
| Mrs. Yvonne Bradford<br>820 Gerald Avenue<br>Missoula, Montana 59801    | Governor                | 3/1/79                  |
| Milton Datsapoulos<br>207 Pattee Creek Drive<br>Missoula, Montana 59801 | Chief Justice           | 3/1/79                  |
| Robert F. Dye<br>405 West Cleveland<br>Bozeman, Montana 59715           | House Minority Leader   | 3/1/81                  |
| Deborah L. Hanson<br>719 North Center<br>Miles City, Montana 59301      | Speaker of the House    | 3/1/81                  |
| Elinor Jean LeBar<br>801 Rimrock Road<br>Billings, Montana 59102        | Governor                | 3/1/81                  |
| Arnold Rieder<br>508 Graham<br>Helena, Montana 59601                    | Senate Majority Leader  | 3/1/81                  |
| Carl Rostad<br>Martinsdale, Montana 59053                               | Senate Minority Leader  | 3/1/79                  |



## OTHER PERMANENT GROUPS

Several other commissions, councils, and committees related to the legislature meet during the interim. These groups are in all respects independent of the Legislative Council but among their membership are legislators or persons appointed by legislative leaders. Because of this, these groups are included here for your information.



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

The Environmental Quality Council was created in 1971 as the agency to supervise enforcement of the Montana Environmental Policy Act. The Council consists of four senators, four state representatives, four representatives of the public and a representative of the Governor's office. The Council hires its own staff.

Council Membership:

Sen. Terry Murphy  
Chairman

Sen. Joe Roberts  
Sen. George Roskie  
Sen. Frank Dunkle

Rep. Dennis Nathe  
Vice Chairman  
Rep. Mike Meloy  
Rep. Arthur Shelden  
Rep. Verner Bertelsen

Charles Doheny  
G. W. "Por" Deschamps  
William M. Spilker  
Richard D. Klinger

Governor's Representative: Lt. Governor Ted Schwinden

Director:

Richard Bourke (Acting Director)  
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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The eight-member, bipartisan Legislative Audit Committee supervises the work of the Legislative Auditor's office, which was created in 1967. The office is charged with auditing the financial affairs and transactions of every state agency once a biennium.

Committee Membership:

Rep. Harold Gerke  
Chairman  
Rep. Robert Ellerd  
Rep. Howard Ellis  
Rep. John Scully

Sen. Matt Himsl  
Vice Chairman  
Sen. Greg Jergeson  
Sen. Lloyd Lockrem  
Sen. Cornie Thiessen

Legislative Auditor:

Morris L. Brusett  
Room 135, State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59601

Telephone: (406) 449-3122



## LEGISLATIVE CONSUMER COMMITTEE

The four-member Legislative Consumer Committee was created in 1973 to work with the Consumer Counsel, a position mandated by the 1972 Constitution to represent consumers in Public Service Commission hearings.

### Committee Membership:

Sen. Allen Kolstad  
Sen. Thomas E. Towe

Rep. Earl Lory  
Rep. Joe Quilici

### Consumer Counsel:

Geoffrey L. Brazier  
330 Fuller Avenue  
Helena, Montana 59601

Telephone: (406) 449-2771



LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sections 43-1109 through 43-1119 create the twelve-member Legislative Finance Committee to advise and consult with the Legislative Fiscal Analyst. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst is to accumulate, compile, analyze and furnish information on the financial matters of the state, estimate revenue from existing and proposed taxes, analyze the executive budget, report to the legislature and the committee, and assist committees and legislators.

Committee Membership:

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Sen. William Mathers<br>Chairman | Rep. Francis Bardanouve<br>Vice Chairman |
| Sen. Larry Fasbender             | Rep. Ann Mary Dussault                   |
| Sen. Bill Norman                 | Rep. Burt Hurwitz                        |
| Sen. Pat Regan                   | Rep. Art Lund                            |
| Sen. Ed Smith                    | Rep. Jack Moore                          |
| Sen. Stan Stephens               | Rep. Carroll South                       |

Legislative Fiscal Analyst:

John D. LaFaver  
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Helena, Montana 59601

Telephone: (406) 449-2986



## OTHER INTERIM COMMITTEES

### ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE

The Energy Policy Committee was established by Chapter 577, Laws of 1977, to advise the Governor in developing provisions for the allocation, conservation, and consumption of energy during conditions of an energy supply alert or energy emergency. The President of the Senate, majority leader of the opposite party in the Senate, and the Speaker and minority leader in the House are ex officio members of the committee. These members each appoint an alternate to attend meetings when the member cannot.

#### Committee Membership:

Sen. Cornie Thiessen (Alternate: Sen. Terry Murphy)  
Sen. Jean Turnage (Alternate: Sen. Harold Dover)  
Rep. John Driscoll (Alternate: Rep. Mike Meloy)  
Rep. Robert L. Marks (Alternate: Rep. Oscar Kvaalen)

### LEGAL JURISDICTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Legal Jurisdiction Oversight Committee was established by HB 145 to oversee the legal jurisdiction project in the Governor's office and also hold a hearing on each Indian Reservation, suggest alternative solutions, identify common bonds between Indians and non-Indians, and propose legislation for the next session.

#### Committee Membership:

(No appointments at time of publication)





CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS  
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee was established by HB 160 to guide the publication of the proceedings of the 1972 Constitutional Convention. The committee is composed of one Senator, one Representative, and one former delegate to the convention.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Margaret Warden

Rep. JoEllen Estenson

Mae Nan Ellingson

WESTERN STATES FORESTRY TASK FORCE

This committee meets with like committees to study problems related to the forest products industry in the West.

Committee Membership:

Sen. Robert Brown

Sen. John Manley

Rep. Dorothy Bradley

Rep. Joe Kanduch, Sr.





