

March 3, 1983

18 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BILL #47

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION**

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A BILL

BILL SUMMARY

To fund CoPIRG through UCSU.

BILL HISTORY

In 1975, CU students voted to fund CoPIRG. A negative check-off was instated by the Board of Regents. In 1979, CU student reaffirmed their support for CoPIRG, and asked that it be funded through a waivable fee. In the Spring of 1982, the CU administration eliminated the student-initiated waivable fee for CoPIRG. In October, 1982, CoPIRG ran a petition drive, collecting over 3,600 signatures to place a referendum on the student ballot. That question asked students to approve funding CoPIRG with a \$2.75 per student refundable fee. On October 26th and 27th, CU students voted with a 2 to 1 margin to fund CoPIRG. Over 3,500 students voted. In December, 1982, UCSU voted to accept the CoPIRG contract. It voted for, three against. In February, 1983, Kaye Howe rejected the UCSU/CoPIRG contract. Since students through referenda have historically supported CoPIRG and its fee, and in light of the fact that CoPIRG has had no funding this semester:

BE IT ENACTED by the Executive Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

- SECTION 1:** UCSU shall fund the Colorado Public Interest Research Group (CoPIRG) through student fees at a level the same as received during the Spring and Fall semesters of 1982.
- SECTION 2:** The CoPIRG budget shall go through the UCSU Finance Board.
- SECTION 3:** CoPIRG shall run a referendum every two years, ensuring student support for CoPIRG and its funding system.
- SECTION 4:** The UCSU/CoPIRG contract shall be amended to include an Executive Council member, selected by the Council, to serve as an ex-officio member on the local CoPIRG Board.

SECTION 5: The next CoPIRG referendum shall be held in Spring 1984 when CoPIRG is fully funded, and functioning at its normal level of efficiency.

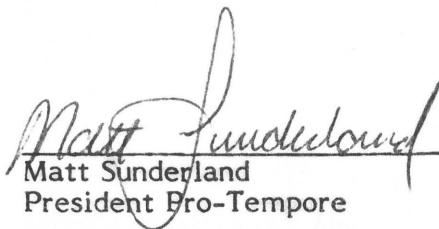
SECTION 6: This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.

March 3, 1983 - FIRST READING - Passed as Amended - 13-5-0

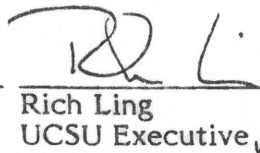
March 10, 1983 - SECOND READING - Passed - 14-2-2



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