

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
54th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN JOHN HERTEL, on January 24, 1995, at
8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John R. Hertel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Steve Benedict, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. William S. Crismore (R)
Sen. C.A. Casey Emerson (R)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)
Sen. Mike Sprague (R)
Sen. Gary Forrester (D)
Sen. Terry Klampe (D)
Sen. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Council
Lynette Lavin, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 28
Executive Action: HB 28 Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DORE SCHWINDEN, HD 98, Wolf Point, presented HB 28, which is an act allowing the state lottery commission to provide for the payment of a prize or a chance ticket by an agent who did not sell the ticket. They feel the playing public may more easily claim their prizes.

Proponents' Testimony:

Charmaine Murphy, Director, Montana Lottery, said this change allows a "player" to cash a ticket at any retailer who sells an on-line product. The scratch product does not apply here and will still be reflected in the bill as a trade-in.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

SEN. CASEY EMERSON asked **Charmaine Murphy** if there was any problem involved with the computer performing this and **Ms. Murphy** responded that there would be no problem with the computers.

SEN. MIKE SPRAGUE questioned **Ms. Murphy** if the lottery can pay without the agent and she explained they have two products, one is the scratch ticket and the other is an on-line ticket generated from a machine. The machine ticket is validated in any machine around the state and has the capability of paying any retailer selling on-line products who has a terminal to validate the ticket. The scratch product does not have a similar validation ticket; therefore, with the scratch product, the player must return to the retailer who sold the ticket. **SEN. SPRAGUE** asked if the machine ticket player must return to that agent and **Ms. Murphy** replied they could return to any agent who sells the machine (on-line) ticket. This is a clarification in the law, not changing the way they do business. **SEN. SPRAGUE** asked if there was any limit to the amount paid by the retailer and **Ms. Murphy** stated "yes", for on-line tickets up to \$599; \$600 and above must be cashed at the lottery headquarters.

SEN. STEVE BENEDICT noted the effective date was lined out and questioned **REP. SCHWINDEN** if that had occurred in **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON's** committee. **REP. SCHWINDEN** stated that **CHAIRMAN SIMON** noted the effective date was earlier than the usual October effective date. He questioned members of the lottery and told it was only their desire to expedite clarifying this law. They have no problem with that change.

Closing by Sponsor:

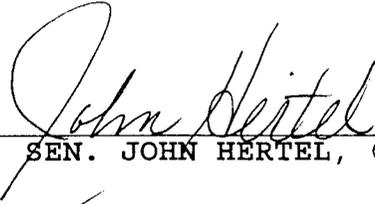
REP. SCHWINDEN thanked everyone for attending this hearing. He stated, if the committee does deem **HB 28** worthy of concurrence, they would ask that **SENATOR WILSON** carry it on the floor of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 28Motion/Vote:

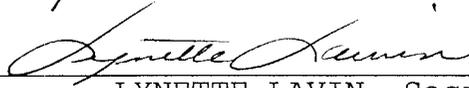
SEN. BENEDICT moved **HB 28 BE CONCURRED IN**. The motion **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** on oral vote. **SEN. WILSON** will carry the bill on the Senate floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.



SEN. JOHN HERTEL, Chairman



LYNETTE LAVIN, Secretary

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Business and Industry having had under consideration HB 28 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 28 be concurred in.

Signed: John Hertel
Senator John R. Hertel, Chair


Amd. Coord.
Sec. of Senate


Senator Carrying Bill

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 SENATE COMMITTEE ON Business and Industry
 BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY: H.B. 28
Rep. D. Schwinden

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Name	Representing	Bill No.	Support	Oppose
Chris Riccio	MBIA			
Steve Maughan	MT Lottery	HB 28	✓	
Charmaine Murphy	MT Lottery	HB 28	✓	

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