

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on January 8, 1997, at 8:00 AM, in Room 325 of State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce T. Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Robert J. "Bob" Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Rod Marshall (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)
Rep. Carolyn M. Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Services Division
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Comments on Licensing and
Occupational Boards, 1/6/97
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON OCCUPATIONAL AND LICENSING BOARDS

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON open meeting and explains to participants the purpose is to air comments on the various state governing boards. Appoints sub committee of REP. TREXLER as Chairman, REP. TUSS, AND REP. BITNEY..}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.1; Comments: REP. AUBYN CURTISS explains that it takes up to 2 years for hearing aid examiners to get licensed.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: REP. SCOTT ORR Explains problems of delay with hearing aids , no reciprocity with other states and no avenue of recourse..}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.3; Comments: SEN. CASEY EMERSON cites problems with nursing boards-cancelling licenses with no notice-problems with re-instatement. Fire suppressionist has problems giving several tests-the last year the licensing will no longer accept the National test results.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.1; Comments: Lee Wiser cites problems with denturist licensing.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: REP. SQUIRES stating that denturist licensing is not consistent, suggest solution of changing structure of the Boards makeup..}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.2; Comments: Theresa Dougherty testifies on dental hygienist licensing and board policy..}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: REP. PAVLOVICH questions how other states license denturist and dental hygentist..}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.0; Comments: Ed Butcher regarding denturist and explains his feeling that this is turf battle. Submits written comments..}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: Allen Schalenberger comments on water well drillers and lack of cooperation with persons having problems with drillers. Feels board needs more expertise. Cites errors in various reports that are submitted to the State..}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.3; Comments: Dixie Schalenberger further cites problems with water well drillers..}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.9; Comments: Kim Coleman feels all appraisers should be licensed..}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.0; Comments: Marvin Langler regarding funeral directors and lack of licensing requirements..}

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: .5; Comments: Clayton Fiscus cites problems with Real Estate Board, such as licensing requirements, delay in getting test results, no reason for delays in sending yearly licenses, credit reports should not be needed and Boards exercising excessive power. Personnel problems with rudeness and not returning telephone calls..}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.8; Comments: Allen Evans cites problems with Building Codes Bureau and unfairness of requiring farmers and ranchers to comply when the stature exempts them..}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.4; Comments: Electrical Board problems start. Several testify about the test requirements, not being able to work if they fail test, comparison with other states. Lack of inspectors to see if electrician is certified, no cooperation among agencies. Continues through tape 3-B.}

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .0; Comments: Mary Lou Garrett cites problems with no Grandfather clause regarding Physical Therapy Aides. .}

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.0; Comments: B. Turnage comments on nursing board and lab technicians. Many test are necessary and it is not clear who can do what..}

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.; Comments: Plumbing Board information-several cites that enforcement is non existent, many problems with unlicensed plumbers and inspectors are not licensed. .}

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .0; Comments: Plumbing Board problems continue, asserting non-compliance and lack of enforcement..}

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.5; Comments: Janet Coburn Physical Therapist problems and inability to sit for test..}

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.3; Comments: Greg Stovall-Private Investigator - says Board does very little. Questions need for Board..}

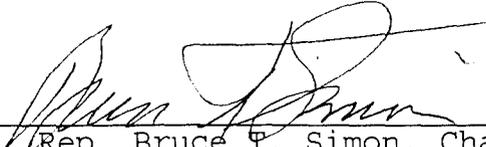
{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.; Comments: Mr. Hughes discusses that rules are not clear on Health Care issues..}

{Tape: 5; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: Covert testimony- please see written testimony-is not clear on tape. Regarding Therapist complaint.

TOTAL OF 51 EXHIBITS.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 NOON

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Rep. Bruce P. Simon, Chairman


Patti O'Reilly, Secretary

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