

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on January 14, 1997, at 8:00 A M, in Room 104.

**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. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 103 (1/9/97); HB 116  
(1/9/97); HB 117 (1/9/97); HB  
131 (1/9/97; HB 143 (1/9/97);  
HB 155 (1/9/97)  
Executive Action: HB 103; HB 116; HB 117; HB  
131; HB 143; HB 155: HB 56

HEARING ON HB 103

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. SYLVIA BOOKOUT, H.D. 71  
introduced the bill.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BOOKOUT closes.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.6; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 103

Motion: REP. BOOKOUT MOVED HB 103 BE TABLED.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion carried 18-0. REP. SQUIRES excused.

HEARING ON HB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BOB PAVLOVICH, H.D. 17  
introduced the bill.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Asst. Director of Insurance, Office of State Auditor.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

Roger McLlenn, Independent Insurance Association  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.0; Comments: None.}

Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.0; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. PAVLOVICH closes.

HEARING ON HB 117

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BOB PAVLOVICH, H.D. 37  
introduced the bill.  
Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.9; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Asst. Director of Insurance, Mt. State Auditor's  
Office  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.3; Comments: None.}

Bob Pfeiffer, CUNA and Credit Union Assn.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.7; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.0; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. PAVLOVICH closes.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1. None; Comments: .}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 116

Motion: REP. PAVLOVICH MOVED THAT HB 116 BE TABLED.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion passed 18-0. REP. SQUIRES excused.

HEARING ON HB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOE TROPILA, H.D. 47  
introduced the bill.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.2; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:None

Closing by Sponsor:REP. TROPILA closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.3; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:REP. BRUCE SIMON, H.D. 18 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Asst. Dir. of Insurance, MT. State Auditor's Office

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.5; Comments: None.}

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Ins. Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.6; Comments: None}

Tonya Ask, Blue Cross-Blue Shield

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}

Susan Good, Mt. Assn of Life Underwriters

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}

Roger McLlenn, In. Insurance Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.0; Comments: None.}

Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.5; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.7; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor:REP. SIMON closes.

HEARING ON HB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:REP. JOE BARNETT, H.D. 32 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.2; Comments: None}

Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Asst. Director of Insurance, Mt. State Auditor

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.5; Comments: None

Closing by Sponsor:REP. BARNETT closes.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 56

Motion: REP. SLITER MOVED TO ADOPT SLITER AMENDMENT.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.6; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side:A; Approx. Time Count: .0; Comments: None.}

VOTE: Motion passed 18-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER MOVED HB 56 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.2; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed 18-0;

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.2; Comments: None

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 117

Motion: REP. PAVLOVICH MOVED TO ADOPT PAVLOVICH AMENDMENT.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.9; Comments: None.}

Discussion: None

VOTE: Motion passed 18-0.

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Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH MOVED HB 118 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.7; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed 18-0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 143

Motion: REP. BARNETT MOVED HB 143 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.6; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.1; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed 17-1. REP. PROUSE voted against.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 131

MOTION; REP. SIMON MOVED TO ADOPT SIMON AMENDMENTS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.1; Comments: None.}

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion passed 18-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. SIMON MOVED THAT HB 131 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

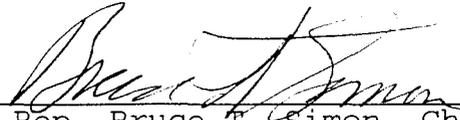
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.9; Comments: None.}

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed 18-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:48 AM

  
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Rep. Bruce T. Simon, Chairman

  
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Pati O'Reilly, Secretary

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