

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE T. SIMON**, on January 15, 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. 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: HB 32, HB 147, HJR 3, HB 161  
(1/9/97)  
Executive Action: HB 32, HB 165

**HEARING ON HB 32**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. RAY PECK, H.D. 91 introduced  
the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lois Menzies, Director, Department of Administration. EXHIBIT 1.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.4; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. PECK closes on the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 147

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, H.D. 99  
introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 2 & 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bill Kloker, Department of Revenue. EXHIBIT 5 AND 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.1; Comments: None.}

Kevin Koch, Treasurer and Vice-President, McLane Co., Inc.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.4; Comments: None.}

Jim Manning, Manager, Legislative Auditor's Office.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

SEN. GERRY DEVLIN. EXHIBIT 8.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .03; Comments: None.}

Mark Staples. EXHIBIT 7.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: None.}

Hertha Lund, Care Mark. EXHIBIT 9.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.7; Comments: None.}

Tom Ault, Hi-Line Wholesale Co. EXHIBIT 4

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.1; Comments: None.}

Mike Parker, President, Pennington House.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KASTEN closes on the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HJR 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. ROGER DEBRUYCKER, HB 89 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.1; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Irvin Hutchison, Legacy Legislature.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.4; Comments: None.}

Dick Patterson, President, Montana Senior Citizen's Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments: None.}

Verne Bertelsen, Montana Senior Citizen's Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.1; Comments: None.}

Joe Gottfried, Legacy Legislature.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.3; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.9; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. DEBRUYCKER closes on the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.6; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 161

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BEVERLY BARNHART, H.D. 29 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Kate Cholena, Montana Women's Lobby. EXHIBIT 10.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.6; Comments: None.}

**Craig Young, Montana Low Income Coalition.**

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.9; Comments: None.}

**Don Judge, Montana Public Employees Association. EXHIBIT 11.**

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.4; Comments: None.}

**Tom Snyder, Montana Public Employees Association.**

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.7; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BARNHART closes on the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.4; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 32

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH MOVED HB 32 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 165

Motion: REP. TUSS MOVED HB 165 DO PASS.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.7; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved to adopt amendment #1. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.7; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved to adopt amendments #2-#5. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.2; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS MOVED HB 165 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

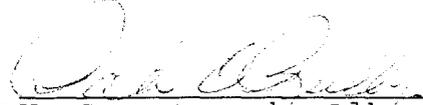
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:10 AM



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary by Alberta Strachan

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