

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By , **CHAIRMAN** January 17, 1997, at 8:00 AM, 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 180; HB 185; HB 207  
(1/9/97)  
Executive Action: HB 95; HB 207; SB 18

**HEARING ON HB 207**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. ED GRADY, H.D. 55 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony: Dan Poulet, MT Telecommunications Access Program EXHIBIT 1 & 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.8; Comments: None.}

Ben Havdahl, M. T. A. P.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.2; Comments: None}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.5; Comments: None}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. GRADY closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.2; Comments: None.}

#### HEARING ON HB 180

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOHN BOHLINGER introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.1; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony: Mark Bryson, Commissioner of Higher Education. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.1; Comments: None.}

Peter Blouke, Dir. Dept. of Commerce.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.6; Comments: None.}

Jim Stipich, Mt. Higher Ed., Student Assistant

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: None.}

LeRoy Shramm, Board of Regents, Legal Staff

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.6; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BOHLINGER closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 34.2; Comments: None.}

#### HEARING ON SB 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. MIKE HALLIGAN, S.D. 18 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.5; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:None.

Opponents' Testimony:None.

Informational Testimony:Greg Petesch, Legislative Services.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.2; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.9; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor:Waived.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 95

Motion: REP. DEVANEY MOVED HB 95 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.0; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.4; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. DEVANEY WITHDREW DO PASS MOTION AND MOTIONED HB 95 BE TABLED. Motion carried 19-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 18

Motion: REP. SLITER MOVES SB 18 DO CONCUR.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.4; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried 19-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 207

Motion: REP. TREXLER MOVES HB 207 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.5; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.9; Comments: None.}

**Motion/Vote:** REP. TREXLER MOVES TO ADOPT AMENDMENT. Motion passed 19-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.7; Comments: None.}

**Discussion:**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.8; Comments: Discussed adding another amendment-failed to pass 6 for-13 against.

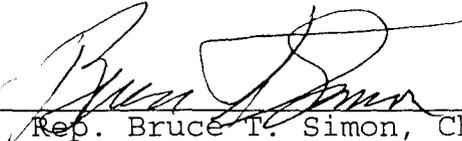
**MOTION/VOTE:** REP. TREXLER MOVED HB 207 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 19-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: None.}

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:29 AM

  
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Rep. Bruce T. Simon, Chairman

  
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Pati O'Reilly, Secretary

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