

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on January 28, 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. 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. 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: Rep. Billie Krenzler, Rep. Bob Pavlovich

Members Absent:

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 304; SB 65 (1/22/97); HB
330 (1/24/97)
Executive Action: SB 65; HB 262; HB 330

HEARING ON HB 304

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. David Ewer, H.D. 53 introduced the bill. **EXHIBIT 7.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Janet Jessup, Gambling Control Division, Dept. of Justice.

EXHIBIT 2.

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

William Raymond, Adm. Asst. Division of Gambling, Dept. of Justice. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.7; Comments: None.}

Ellen Angsted, Don't Gamble with the Future. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.6; Comments: None.}

Rep. Duane Grimes, H.D. 39

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.9; Comments: None.}

Mary Waddell, MT Assn of Churches

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.3; Comments: None.}

Julie Ippolitio, Citizens Against Gambling Expansion. EXHIBIT 10.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.8; Comments: None.}

Verner Bertelson, MT Senior Citizens Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 46.1; Comments: None.}

Laurie Koutnick, Ex. Dir. Christian Coalition of MT. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: None.}

Arla Randash, Eagle Reform. EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mark Staples, Lobbyist, MT Tavern Assn. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.0; Comments: None.}

Dennis Casey, Ex. Dir. of Gaming Commission

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.1; Comments: None.}

Dave Brown, MT Independent Machine and Operators Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.5; Comments: None.}

Rich Miller, Pres. MT Gaming Assn. EXHIBIT 8.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.2; Comments: None.}

Darrell Keck, Chairman Board, MT Tavern Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.2; Comments: None.}

Jerry Driscoll, Billings, MT

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .4; Comments: None.}

Bill Kaiser, Gt. Falls businessman, EXHIBIT 9.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: None.}

John Blair, owner Reno Club, Billings, MT

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.2; Comments: None.}

John Greenwood, Frenchtown Tavern Owner

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.1; Comments: None.}

John Tolson, Cascade Co. Tavern Owners

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.3; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. David Ewer closed.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Gerry Devlin, S.D. 2

introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .8; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Andy Poole, MT Dept of Commerce.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.9; Comments: None.}

Sam Murfitt, Ex. Sec. Board of Horse Racing. EXHIBIT 11.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.1; Comments: None.}

Lou Wojceichowski, Member, Board of Horse Racing. EXHIBIT 12.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.1; Comments: None.}

Joe Erickson, Board of Horse Racing. EXHIBIT 13 and 14.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: None.}

Ed O'Haire, Great Falls

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.; Comments: None.}

Penny Haynes, Yellowstone Horse Racing and Midland Racing Assn.

EXHIBIT 15.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.3; Comments: None.}

Bill Brown, Pres. MT Horse Breeders Assn.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.4; Comments: None.}

Bill Nooney, Breeder, Racing Task Force. EXHIBIT 16.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.7; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.9; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Devlin closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON H B 330

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BILL WISEMAN, H. D. 41
introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Steve Forner, 1st Trust Co.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.8; Comments: None.}

Bob Worthington, MT Municipalities Insurance

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}

Howard Bailey, School Workmen's Comp and Insurance.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.8; Comments: None.}

Rep.David Ewer, H.D. 43

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.7; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Wiseman closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.5; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 330

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ewer moved do pass HB 330. Motion passed
unanimously. {Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.2;
Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 262

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved do pass HB 262.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.5; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnett moved to adopt Barnett amendment. Motion passed unanimously. EXHIBIT 17.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved HB 262 do pass as amended.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.8; Comments: None.}

Discussion: {Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.0; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed 15-1. Rep. Krenzler voted no.

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

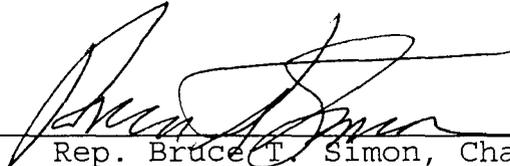
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 65

Motion/Vote: Rep. Trexler moved SB 65 do concur. Motion passed 15-1. Rep. Barnett voted no.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.0; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 AM


Rep. Bruce T. Simon, Chairman


Pati O'Reilly, Secretary

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