

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on January 30, 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: Reps. Sliter and Bitney.

Members Absent: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 161; HB 357; HB 350; HB
367; (1/30/97)
Executive Action: HB 310; HB 302; SB 161; HB
367; HB 350

HEARING ON SB 161

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BARTLETT, S. D. 27 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.2; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jan Smith, MT Sheriff and Peace Officers

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Sen Bartlett closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.6; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Beaudry, H. D. 35 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1.

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

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.6; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Beaudry closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.1; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 350

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Beaudry, H.D. 35 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony: Evan Barrett, Butte Local META

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

Caroll South, Ex. Director Board of Investors, State of Montana

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

Peter Blouke, Director, Dept. of Commerce

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: None.}

Ken Williams, Montana Power Co.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Beaudry closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Harrington, H. D. 38

introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

John Malee, MT. Federation of Teachers. EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.2; Comments: None.}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO. EXHIBIT 3.

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

Phil Campbell, MEA

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: None.}

Jerry Driscoll, Mt. Const Trades Council.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.0; Comments: None.}

Melissa Case, Hotel Employees

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

Bob Sandell, School ATU #381

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.8; Comments: None.}

Kathleen Hagen, Bus Driver

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.9; Comments: None.}

Arlene Malek, School Aide

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.5; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Don Waldren, MT Rural Ed. Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.0; Comments: None.}

Lance Melton, MT School Board Assn

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.5; Comments: None.}

Linda Brannon, MT School Board Assn.

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

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.0; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harrington closed.

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

HEARING ON HB 357

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Wells, H. D. 27 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.8; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Greg VanHorsenn, MT Housing Providers

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.2; Comments: None.}

Rhonda Carpenter, Ex. Secy MT Housing Providers

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

Opponents' Testimony:

Derek Berne, MT People's Action

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

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.0; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Wells closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved do to take HB 185 from Table. Motion carried unanimously.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 310

Motion: Rep. Pavlovich moved do pass HB 310. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 302

Motion: Rep. Stovall moved do pass HB 302.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Squires moved to adopt Bohlinger amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.7; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Tuss moved do as amended HB 302.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.2; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.3; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion do pass as amended. Motion carried 13-5. Reps.

Trexler, Prouse, Stovall, Sliter and Lawson voted no.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 161

Motion: Rep. Tropila motions do concur SB 161.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.4; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried unanimously. Rep. Tropila to carry in House.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.4; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 367

Motion: Rep. Krenzler moved do pass HB 367.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.9; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved to adopt Beaudry amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Krenzler moved do pass HB 367 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 350

Motion: Rep. Tuss moved do pass HB 350.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.3; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.0; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40 AM



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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