

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 4, 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 375, HB 364, HB 382, SB 56
(1/29/97)
HB 406, HB 409 (1/31/97)

Executive Action: HB 375; HB 382; SB 56

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Lynch, S. D. 19 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ann Bartos, Chief Council, Dept. of Commerce

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.9; Comments: None.}

Gordon Beau, Bozeman, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.7; Comments: None.}

Dean Whitsell, Montana Funeral Directors, Pres.

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

Steve Yeakel, Ex. Dir. MT Funeral Home Directors EXHIBIT 2.

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

Rep. Joe Barnett, H. D. 36

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.4; Comments: None}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.4; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Lynch closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.8; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 364

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Deb Kottel, H. D. 45 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 3.

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

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: Todd Koutz, Missoula, MT. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.2; Comments: None.}

Ben Brown, First National Pawn Shop

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: None.}

Tracey Hollingsworth, Butte, MT. EXHIBIT 5 AND 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.6; Comments: None.}

Lee Ash, Cardwell Liquidators and Pawn, Billings, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

Jerry Driscoll, MT Pawnbrokers Assn

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

Charles Carson, Big Man Pawn, Helena, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.8; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Kottel closed.

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

HEARING ON HB 382

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Scott Orr, H.D. 82 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Gilbert, MT/WY L P Gas Assn.

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

Darrell South, Owner of Montana Propane, Helena

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.3; Comments: None.}

Martin McGay, AmeriGas of MT

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.1; Comments: None.}

Dan Bufords, Cenex

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Orr closed.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.6; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 406

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Paul Bankhead, H. D. 72 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.9; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Greg Van Horrsen, MT Housing Providers

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.8; Comments: None.}

Rhonda Carpenter, MT Housing Providers, Ex. Secy.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.1; Comments: None.}

Rick Landfeller

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.8; Comments: None.}

Jan Rehberg, for Gary Oakland

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 42.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Derek Berne, MT Peoples Action. EXHIBIT 9.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .6; Comments: None.}

Tara Meile, MPIRC, EXHIBIT 7.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.4; Comments: None.}

Carol Haughland, MT Peoples Action

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

Russell LaVinge, MT Welfare and Low Income Coalition EXHIBIT 8.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.4; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor:Rep. Bankhead closed.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 375

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bill Ryan, H.D. 44 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 33.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Carl Schweitzer, MT Contractors Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 39.5; Comments: None.}

Doug Hardy, Park Electric

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .4; Comments: None.}

Bud Krezler, MT Utility Coordinating Council

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

Tim Evanson, A T and T

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.; Comments: None}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:Rep. Ryan closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.6; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 409

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Dan Harrington, H. D. 38 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Donna Glantz, Liquor Store Owner, Kalispell. EXHIBIT 10.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.1; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Bea Lunda, Pres. Liquor Store Owners of MT

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: None.}

Chris Berg, owner Kalispell Liquor Store

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.9; Comments: None.}

Brad Griffin, Mt. Retail Assn.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.5; Comments: None.}

Tim Dallin, Liquor Store Assn.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.5; Comments: None.}

Tom Hopgood, MT Beer and Wine Wholesalers

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.6; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony: Gary Blewett, Administrator of Liquor Division, Dept. of Revenue. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

Jim Glantz, Kalispell, EXHIBIT 11.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.9; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harrington closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.3; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 56

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moves do concur SB 56. Motion carried unanimously. Rep. Pavlovich will carry in House.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 382

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved do pass HB 382. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 37.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 375

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved do pass HB 375. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.8; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 AM



Rep. Bruce T. Simon, Chairman



Pati O'Reilly, Secretary

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