

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on February 10, 1997, at 8:00 AM, in Room 312-2.

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 425; HB 55; (2/4/97)
HB 428; (2/5/97)

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 425

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Arnott, H.D. 20 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1,2,3,4,5

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Roger Scott, Butte

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.2; Comments: None.}

Diane Tavery

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.4; Comments: None.}

Ellen Angstead, Don't Gamble with the Future. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.7; Comments: None.}

Betty Waddell, MT Association of Churches. EXHIBIT 7.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.5; Comments: None.}

Bernie Bertleson, MT Senior Citizens Assn.

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

Rep. Duane Grimes, H.D. 39

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.7; Comments: None.}

George Harper

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.7; Comments: None.}

Virginia Eagle

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.7; Comments: None.}

Kathleen Malarchek, Teacher

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.0; Comments: None.}

Ed Arnott, Judith Basin County

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.8; Comments: None.}

Joanne Agather, Member MT Gambling Group

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.6; Comments: None.}

Laurie Koutnik, Ex. Dir. Christian Coalition of MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.3; Comments: None.}

Billie Lou Arnott, Judith Basin County

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.4; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Jack Lynch, Executive Officer, Butte

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.6; Comments: None.}

Alec Hanson, MT League of Cities and Towns. EXHIBIT 8.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.8; Comments: None.}

Michael Eide, Bozeman, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count:10.8 ; Comments: None.}

Mark Staples, MT Tavern Assn. and MT Cowboy Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.6; Comments: None.}

Mike Mlekush, Townsend, MT. EXHIBIT 9.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.4; Comments: None.}

Darrell Keck, Gaming Advisory Council

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.3; Comments: None.}

Harold Sharkey, Insurance Agent, Missoula, MT EXHIBIT 10.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.0; Comments: None.}

Joe Briggs, Gt. Falls Chamber of Commerce

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

Frank Miller, Hayloft Equipment Sales, Lolo, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 30.6; Comments: None.}

Karen Head, Missoula, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 32.0; Comments: None.}

Natalie Taylor, Butte, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 32.5; Comments: None.}

Rich Miller, MT Gaming Assn member

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 33.0; Comments: None.}

Tom Lee, Butte Tavern Owner

Kevin Whipple, self

Ralph Ferrero, Gallatin Co. Tavern owner

Dave Brown, Ind. Machine Operators

Steve Morris, Jorgersons, Helena

Debra Sutter, Missoula, MT

John Greenwood, Missoula, MT

Larry Akey, MT Gaming Machine Owners

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 33.1 to 34.8; Comments:
None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 35.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Arnott closed.

{Tape:2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.8; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 55

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. John Cobb, H. D. 50 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 12, 13

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Insurance Div. State Auditors Office

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: None.}

Ron England, self. EXHIBIT 11.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.0; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony;

Peter Blouke, Director, Dept. of Commerce

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.6; Comments: None.}

Tom Ryan, Hamilton, Chairman State Banking Board

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.9; Comments: None.}

John Cadby, MT Bankers Assn

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: None.}

Kieth Colbo, MT Industry Bankers

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

Dave Brown, Mountain West Bank

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

Bob Pfiefer, MT Credit Unions EXHIBIT 12, 13

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.7; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb closed. EXHIBIT 14.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.3; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 428

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Krenzler, H.D. 17 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Derek Birnie, MT Peoples Action. EXHIBIT 20.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.6; Comments: None.}

Laruel Tynes, Missoula, MT

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.4; Comments: None.}

Kelly Paulington

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.3; Comments: None.}

Jesse Jeager, Student

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments: None.}

Tara Mele, Mont Public Interest Research Group, EXHIBIT 15, 17

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.8; Comments: None.}

Theresa Holzer, Jesuit Volunteer, Missoula, MT

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.9; Comments: None.}

Russ LeVane, MT Low Income Coalition, EXHIBIT 16

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.6; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Greg VanHorsenn, MT Housing Providers

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.9; Comments: None.}

Andy Skinner, Missoula MT

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.1; Comments: None.}

Barbara Booher, MT Nursing Assn. EXHIBIT 18, 19

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 37.0; Comments: None.}

Ann Albert, MT Realtor

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: None.}

Rhonda Carpenter, MT Landowners Assn.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.3; Comments: None.}

Jeff Bayliss,

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.7; Comments: None.}

Rich Landfelter, Missoula, MT

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.5; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

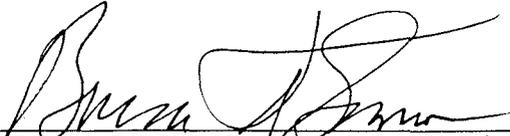
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Closing by Sponsor:Rep. Krenzler closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.1; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:43 am



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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