

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 14, 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 517; HB 457; HB 519; HB  
447; HB 445 (2/11/97)

Executive Action: HB 445; HB 349; HB 473; HB 488; HB 492;  
HB 457; HB 435; HB 78; HB 240

HEARING ON HB 445

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Wiseman, H.D. 41 introduced the bill. Sponsor requested that bill be tabled.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 445

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved to table HB 445. Motion carried unanimously.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.1; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 517

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Vick, H.D. 31 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1 AND 2.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3/5; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jerry Driscoll, MT Contractors and Trade Council.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.5; Comments: None.}

Don Edwards, OCWU, EXHIBIT 3 AND 4.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.3; Comments: None.}

Phil Campbell, MEA and MT Federation of Teachers  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: None.}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

Ed Argenbright, MT Commissioner of Political Practices  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.7; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Vick closed.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.3; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 457

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Adams H.D. 84 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.9; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State Auditors Office

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Ron Asheburner, State Farm Ins.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.1; Comments: None.}

Roger McGlenn, Ind. Ins. Agents

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.7; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Adams closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 37.3; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 519

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Wyatt, H.D. 43 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Steve Shapiro, Reg. Nurses Assn. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: None.}

Barbara Booher, MT Nursing Assn. EXHIBITS 7 AND 8.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.8; Comments: None.}

Donna Bristol, Family Nurse Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Nancy Butler, Workmen's Comp. State Fund

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.2; Comments: None.}

Don Allen, Coalition of Workers Comp

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.9; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Wyatt closed.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.8; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 447

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Stovall, H.D. 16 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

**Martin Mongate, Private Detective.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.0; Comments: None.}

**Perry Eskridge, Dept. of Commerce**

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.9; Comments: None.}

**Greg Stovall, Billings, MT**

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Stovall closed.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 37.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 349

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ewer moved to take HB 349 from table. Motion passed roll call 10-9.

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

Motion: Rep. Ewer moved do pass HB 349.

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

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ewer moved to adopt Ewer amendments. **EXHIBIT 9.** Motion carried 14-5. **Reps. Bookout, Devaney, Lawson, Pavlovich and Squires** voted no.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.7; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Ewer moved do pass HB 349 as amended.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Sliter moved to adopt Sliter amendments. **EXHIBIT 10.**

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.1; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.6; Comments: None.}

Vote: Sliter amendments passed 10-8.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.9; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ewer moved do pass HB 349 as amended. Motion failed roll call 9-10.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.0; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved to Table HB 349. Motion carried by reverse vote. 10-9.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: None.}

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 473

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnett moved to Table HB 473. Motion carried 17-1. Rep. Ewer voted no.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.8; Comments: None.}

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 488

Motion/Vote: Rep. Masolo moved to table HB 488. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.5; Comments: None.}

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 492

Motion: Rep. Bookout moved do pass HB 492.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.5; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Stovall moved to adopt Harper amendments. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.5; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved do pass HB 492 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.3; Comments: None.}

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 457

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnett moved to table HB 457. Motion carried 18-1.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 435

Motion: Rep. Pavlovich moved do pass HB 435.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.2; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved to adopt Harper amendments.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.6; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved do pass HB 435 as amended.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 78

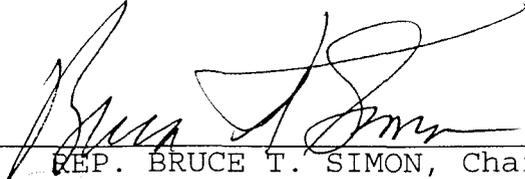
Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved to take HB 78 from table. Motion  
carried unanimously.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.9; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 240

Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved do pass HB 240. Motion carried  
roll call 11-7.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.8; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:15 am

  
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REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman

  
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PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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