

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 17, 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 535; HB 442; HB 533; HB
532; (2/12/97)
Executive Action: HB 535; HB 345

HEARING ON HB 535

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Jack Wells, H. D. 27
introduced HB 535. EXHIBITS 1, 3, 4, 5
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.9; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Rick Jore, H. D. 73
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: None.}

Fred Happel, MT Citizens for Right to Work. EXHIBIT 2.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.7; Comments: None.}

Barbara Wolfe, Helena School Teacher. EXHIBIT 11.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.6; Comments: None.}

Barbara Rush, Teacher, EXHIBIT 9.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.6; Comments: None.}

Ken Wajkowski, self. EXHIBIT 10.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.7; Comments: None.}

Dick Rather, Bozeman, MT
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.5; Comments: None.}

Rep. Adams, H.D. 64
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.6; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Eric Feaver, MEA
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.2; Comments: None.}

Tom Snyder, MPEA
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: None.}

Terry Minow, MT Federation of Teachers. EXHIBIT 6.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: None.}

Todd Thun, Montana Nurses Assn.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.6; Comments: None.}

Micheal Bentley, MT Assn of Municipalities. EXHIBIT 7.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.6; Comments: None.}

Darrell Holzel, AFL-CIO
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.9; Comments: None.}

Jerry Driscoll, MT Building and Const. Trades Council
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: None.}

Ed Logan, Billings, MT EXHIBIT 8.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.6; Comments: None.}

Theresa Blazovich, State Employee

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.0; Comments: None.}

Pat Clinch, Montana Professional Firefighters

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.3; Comments: None.}

Fran Mustachl, Public Transportation

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

Darrell Sankey, self.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.3; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Wells closed.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.0; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 442

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Menahan, H.D. 57 introduced HB 442. EXHIBIT 12.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Jerry Driscoll, MT Building and Const Trades

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.7; Comments: None.}

Bob Eike, MT State Hospital, Warm Springs

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.0; Comments: None.}

Terry Minow, MT. Federation of St. Employees

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.0; Comments: None.}

Tom Foley, State Convalescent Employees

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

Opponents' Testimony:

Nancy Butler, State Fund

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.6; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.7; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Menahan closed.

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

HEARING ON HB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Devaney, H. D. 97 introduced HB 533.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Margaret Morgan, Director, MT Assn of Realtors

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 104.; Comments: None.}

David Howe, MT Right of Way Spec. EXHIBIT 13.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.9; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Devaney closed.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.5; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 532

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Barnett, H.D. 32 introduced HB 532. EXHIBIT 14.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.9; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Cape, Bozeman, MT

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.4; Comments: None.}

Stuart Doggett, MT Manufactured Housing and RV Assn. EXHIBIT 15.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 30.2; Comments: None.}

Court Harrington, County Treasurer Assn.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: Bud Shane, Chief of Titles and Registration.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 37.0; Comments: None.}

Randy Wilk-Dept of Revenue

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 38.3; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 38.6; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Barnett closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.3; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 535

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved do pass HB 535.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.5; Comments: None.}

Discussion: {Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.2;
Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion failed roll call 5-14.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved to table HB 535. Motion
carried by reversing the vote. 14-5.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 345

Motion: Rep. Stovall moved do pass HB 345. EXHIBIT 16.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.9; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Stovall moved to adopt Masolo amendments. EXHIBIT
17.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.1; Comments: None.}

Discussion: {Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.2;
Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion on Masolo amendments passed roll call 11-7.
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.2; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Masolo moved do pass HB 345 as amended.
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.5; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Gillan moved to adopt Gillan amendment.
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.0; Comments: None.}

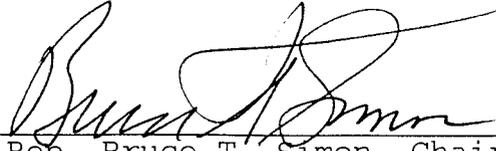
Discussion:
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Gillan withdrew Gillan motion.
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.3; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion for do pass as amended passed roll call 12-6.
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.5; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 AM



Rep. Bruce T. Simon, Chairman



Pati O'Reilly, Secretary

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