

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on March 6, 1997, at
8:00 AM, in Room 325.

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 585; HB 504; HB 512
(2/19/97)

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 585

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ohs, H.D. 33 introduced the bill. EXHIBITS 1 THROUGH 12.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.8; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Governor Marc Racicot

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.3; Comments: None.}

David Owen, MT Chamber of Commerce

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

Dixie Swanson, MT Economic Development Assn. EXHIBIT 13.

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

Richard Croft, Commissioner of Higher Education

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

Pres. Malone, MSU, Bozeman, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.7; Comments: None.}

George Denison, Pres. of U of M, Missoula, MT

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

Nigel Mends, American Society of Engineers, EXHIBIT 15.

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

Chuck Merja, National Assn of Wheatgrowers. EXHIBIT 16

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.0; Comments: None.}

Stuart Blondell, Geo Scientist. EXHIBIT 14.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 43.3; Comments: None.}

Jeremy Kruse, University of Montana

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 44.6; Comments: None.}

Jerome Brendt, MSU, Student Body President

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: None.}

Robert Hunter, Gallatin Valley Tech. EXHIBIT 17.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.9; Comments: None.}

Rep. Quilici, Butte, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.9; Comments: None.}

Carol Erickson, MT Heart Institution. EXHIBIT 18.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.0; Comments: None.}

Robert Wood, Bio-Surface Services and Technology. EXHIBIT 19.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: None.}

Richard Coberg, former Senator and Representative, Billings.

EXHIBIT 25

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.1; Comments: None.}

Carl Schweitzer, MT Contractors Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.7; Comments: None.}

Wayne Morrison, Missoula, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.5; Comments: None.}

Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce/Yellowstone Co. Commissioners

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.4; Comments: None.}

Gloria Paladichuk, Richland Co. Development

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.1; Comments: None.}

Jane Jelinski, Gallatin Co. Commissioner. EXHIBIT 20

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.7; Comments: None.}

Barbara Skelton, Butte, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.5; Comments: None.}

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 29.1; Comments: None.}

Betty Bohlinger, Historian from Billings

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 30.8; Comments: None.}

Jim Kemble, City of Billings

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

Joe Briggs, Gt Falls Chamber of Commerce

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.7; Comments: None.}

Dick Sheets, Helena Teacher

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 32.1; Comments: None.}

Dave Smith, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

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

Kona Kenney, Butte Chamber of Commerce

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 33.6; Comments: None.}

Charles Brooks, MT Rural Water Systems

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 33.9; Comments: None.}

Kelly Alber, Sheridan MT Mayor

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 34.0; Comments: None.}

John Blomquist, MT Stockgrowers Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 35.9; Comments: None.}

Gordon Morris, MACO

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 37.9; Comments: None.}

Henry Ficken, Farmer. EXHIBIT 21 AND 22

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.3; Comments: None.}

John Ficken, Farmer. EXHIBIT 23

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: None.}

Bill Koenig, Kalispell, EXHIBIT 24

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.1; Comments: None.}

Brian O'Connell, Farmer

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.2; Comments: None.}

Ed Hendrick, Mt Innkeepers Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.5; Comments: None.}

John Ellingson

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.0; Comments: None.}

Mona Jamison, National Historical Society. EXHIBIT 26.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.3; Comments: None.}

Brian Cochill, Pres. Mt. Historical Society

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.7; Comments: None.}

Rep. Tash, Dillon

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

Mark Weber, Pres. Virginia City Alliance

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

Haley Mischone, Whitaker School

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: None.}

Susan Kirley, Student

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.1; Comments: None.}

Derek Strawn, Bozeman, MT

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.2; Comments: None.}

Connie Clark, Miles City, MT

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.9; Comments: None.}

Rep. Rod Marshall, Bozeman, MT

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

Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Butte, MT

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents Testimony:

Rep. Bob Raney, Livingston, MT. EXHIBIT 27

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.6; Comments: None.}

Rep. Ray Peck, H. D. 91, Havre, MT
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.2; Comments: None.}

Verner Bertelsen, MT Senior Citizens Assn. EXHIBIT 28
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.1; Comments: None.}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: None.}

Rep. David Ewer, Helena, MT, H.D. 53
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.3; Comments: None.}

Ted Lange, Northern Plains Resource Council. EXHIBIT 29.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 37.9; Comments: None.}

Misha Old Elk, Crow Tribe
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: None.}

Dakota Pritchard, Carroll College. EXHIBIT 30
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.5; Comments: None.}

Matt Regan, Student
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.1; Comments: None.}

Janine Anderson, Student
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: None.}

Rep. Hal Harper, Helena, MT
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.6; Comments: None.}

Jacob Tyson, Billings Student
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ohs closed.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.5; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 512

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Hal Harper, H. D. 52
introduced the bill. EXHIBITS 31 AND 32.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.5; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.0; Comments: None.}

Verner Bertelson, MT Senior Citizens Assn.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.1; Comments: None.}

Stuart Knapp, Commissioner of Higher Education Office

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.1; Comments: None.}

Jerome Fritz, MSU Student Rep.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.0; Comments: None.}

Chuck Merja, EXHIBIT 16.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.9; Comments: None.}

Jeremy Kruse, MSU

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.9; Comments: None.}

Bob Hunter, YES Technologies, Bozeman, MT

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.2; Comments: None.}

Carol Erickson, MT Heart Institute. EXHIBIT 18.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.7; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.2; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harper closed.

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

HEARING ON HB 504

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Harper, H. D. 52 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.3; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dr. Doug Coffin, EXHIBIT 33.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.2; Comments: None.}

Sen. Doherty, Great Falls, MT

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.8; Comments: None.}

Carol Erickson, MT Heart Assn.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.4; Comments: None.}

Stuart Knapp, Commissioner Higher Education Office

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

John Mercer, McLaughlin Research Center

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.5; Comments: None.}

Jeremy Fritz, MSU

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.0; Comments: None.}

Terry Pehan, EXHIBIT 34.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

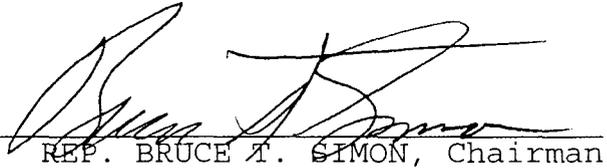
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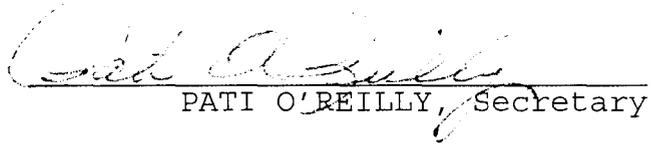
Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harper closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 36.9; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 AM


REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman


PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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