

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on March 10, 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. Carolyn M. Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Rep. Wes Prouse (R)

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Services Division
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 67; SB 41; SB 66; SB 233;
SB 309 (2/25/97)
Executive Action: SB 309; SB 66; SB 41; SB 164;
SB 61

HEARING ON SB 309

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Mahlum, S. D. 35 introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Brooks, MT Sign Group, contract with Dept. of Transportation

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.9; Comments: None.}

Bud Williams, MT Innkeepers Assn.

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

Rich Munger, Dept. of Transportation, Motorist Information Division.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Mahlum closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Steve Benedict, S. D. 30 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Chuck Hunter, Dept of Labor

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}

George Wood, MT Self Insurance Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.9; Comments: None.}

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.9; Comments: None.}

Nancy Butler, State Fund

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.5; Comments: None.}

Bob Worthington, MMIA

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Benedict closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.7; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 66

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Benedict, S. D. 30 introduced SB 66.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.2; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony: Joyce Brown, Dept. of Administration.

EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.5; Comments: None.}

Claudia Clifford, MT Insurance Div, Dept. of Administration.

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

Susan Good, MT Assn. of Life Underwriters and HEAL

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.0; Comments: None.}

Phil Campbell, MEA

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.8; Comments: None.}

Ellen Feavor, Anderson, etal accountants

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.4; Comments: None.}

Bob Worthington, MMIA

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

Opponents' Testimony:None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.0; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Benedict closed. Rep. Ewer to carry.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.0; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Benedict, S. D. 30 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Carl Swanson, President of State Fund. EXHIBIT 2 AND 4

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

Mary Jo Fox, Governor's Office

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.9; Comments: None.}

Don Allen, Coalition for Workmen's Comp. Improvements

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.2; Comments: None.}

Chris Gallus, MT Chamber of Commerce

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.7; Comments: None.}

Riley Johnson, MT Federation of Independent Businessmen.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.5; Comments: None.}

Roger McGlenn, Industrial Insurance Agents of Montana. EXHIBIT 3

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.6; Comments: None.}

Micki Smith, Dir. Professional Insurance Agents of MT

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

Charles Brooks, MT Food Distributors and Billings Chamber of Commerce

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: None.}

Chuck Hunter, Dept. of Labor

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.6; Comments: None.}

Ben Havdahl, MT Motor Carriers

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

Keith Olson, Executive Director, MT Logging Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.2; Comments: None.}

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Ins. Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.9; Comments: None.}

George Wood, MT Self Insured Association

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

Bob Worthington, MMIA

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.9; Comments: None.}

Leo Ward, MT School Groups

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Jerry Driscoll, MT Building and Contractors Trades Council

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.0; Comments: None.}

Russell Hill, MT Trial Lawyers. EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.3; Comments: None.}

Rep. John Cobb,

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.5; Comments: None.}

Rep. Royal Johnson, H D 10. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.6; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.4; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Benedict closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.3; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 233

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. DePratu, S. D. 40 introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Waldner, School Bus Contractors. EXHIBIT 7 AND 8.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.7; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Don Judge, AFL-CIO. EXHIBIT 9.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.6; Comments: None.}

Joe Dwyer, Teamsters Union

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.2; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Denny Zeiler, Unemployment Benefits, MT Dept. of Labor

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. DePratu closed.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.9; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 61

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved do concur SB 61.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved to adopt Barnett amendments.

EXHIBIT 10.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .5; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .9; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich makes substitute motion to Table SB 61.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.8; Comments: None.}

Motion; Rep. Pavlovich withdraws his motion.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.2; Comments: None.}

Vote: Amendments motion passed 16-2. Reps. Squires and Pavlovich voted no.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnett moved do concur as amended. Motion carried 16-2. Reps. Squires and Pavlovich voted no. Rep. Prouse was absent.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.3; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 164

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved do concur SB 164.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.6; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnett moved to adopt Barnett amendments. Motion carried unanimously. EXHIBIT 11.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.0; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved do concur as amended SB 164.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion failed roll call vote 8-10. Rep. Prouse absent.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved to Table. Reverse the vote.

{Tape: 5; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 309

Motion/Vote: Rep. Krenzler moved do concur SB 309. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 5; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 41

Motion/Vote: Rep. Masolo moved do concur SB 41. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 5; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.5; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 66

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ewer moved do concur SB 66. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 5; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.0; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 AM



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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