

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on March 11, 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: SB 45; SB 251; HB 305; HB 150
(2/25/97)

Executive Action: SB 251; HB 585;

HEARING ON SB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Holden, S. D. 1 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

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

Carl Schweitzer, MT Contractors Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.9; Comments: None.}

Don Chance, MT Building Industry Assn. EXHIBITS 2 AND 3.

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

Bill Pierce, Helena Home Builders

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

David Owen, MT Chamber of Commerce

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: None.}

Ben Havdahl, Mt. Motor Carriers Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.9; Comments: None.}

Chuck Hunter, Dept. of Labor. EXHIBIT 4.

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

George Wood, MT Self Insurers Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.0; Comments: None.}

Riley Johnson, MT Federation of Independent Businessmen

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: None.}

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.1; Comments: None.}

Lorna Frank-Karn-MT Farm Bureau

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.1; Comments: None.}

Rep. Cocchiarella, HD 64

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.4; Comments: None.}

Mark Lindsey, Helena Home Builder

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

Nancy Butler, State Fund

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.8; Comments: None.}

Dave Cogley, Helena Building Contractor. EXHIBIT 5

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.1; Comments: None.}

Mary Allen, Coalition for Work Comp Employers

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: None.}

Bud Williams, MT Manufactured Housing Assn.

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

Opponents' Testimony:

Russ Penkal, Independent Contractors of Montana. EXHIBIT 6 & 7.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.0; Comments: None.}

Delbert Hostetter, Manhattan, MT. EXHIBIT 8.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: None.}

Walt Dupea, Big Fork Contractor

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

Jenny Dodge, Contracting Businessperson. EXHIBIT 9.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.8; Comments: None.}

Rep. Brad Molnar, HD 22, Laurel, MT. EXHIBIT 10.

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

Don Baker, Northland Const. EXHIBIT 11.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.3; Comments: None.}

Vernal Jackson,

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.4; Comments: None.}

Darrell Olsen, Viking Painting, Whitefish, MT

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

Wilma Wortman, Helmville, MT EXHIBIT 12.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.3; Comments: None.}

Russ Wortman, Helmville, MT

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

John Crosby

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.6; Comments: None.}

Doug Lovely, EXHIBIT 13.

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

Darrell Robison

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.6; Comments: None.}

George Williams, Rocky Mtn. Center

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 29.9; Comments: None.}

Dennis Rahl

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

Steve Hangrey, Bozeman, MT

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

Rod Beeker, Belgrade, MT. EXHIBIT 14, 15
{Tape:2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .6; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Holden closed. EXHIBIT 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

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

HEARING ON SB 251

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Stang, S. D. 36 introduced SB 251.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.5; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Leo Ward, MT School Groups Insurance Authority

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.7; Comments: None.}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.5; Comments: None.}

Dave Owen, MT Chamber of Commerce

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

Gale Grey, OPI and Office of Higher Education

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

Howard Bailey, School Board Insurance Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.4; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Stang closed. Rep. Bookout to carry.

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

HEARING ON HB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Galvin, H. D. 48 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 22.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Judge, AFL-CIO

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mark Berry, Finance Division, State Fund. EXHIBIT 23.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.6; Comments: None.}

David Owen, MT Chamber of Commerce

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.7; Comments: None.}

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businessmen

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.8; Comments: None.}

George Wood, Ex. Sec. MT Self Insurers Assn.

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

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

Don Allen, Workers Comp. System Improvement Assn.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.9; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.8; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Galvin closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 251

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved to do concur SB 251. Motion carried unanimously. Rep, Bookout to carry.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .1; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 150.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Royal Johnson, H. D. 10 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 24, 25, 26

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jerry Driscoll, MT Building and Trades

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mark Berry, State Fund. EXHIBIT 27.

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.7; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.6; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Johnson closed.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 585

Motion: Rep. Sliter moved do pass HB 585.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.3; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Devaney moved to adopt Devaney amendment.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.4; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

Vote: Vote on amendment. Motion carried 17-2. Reps. Sliter and Lawson voted no.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}

Motion; Rep. Sliter moved do pass as amended.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.1; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved to adopt Ohs amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

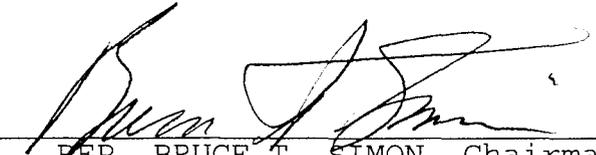
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Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved do pass as amended. Motion passed on roll call vote 12-7.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.7; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 AM


REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman


PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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