

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on March 24, 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: Rep. Wes Prouse (R)

Members Absent: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 349; SB 375; SB 331; SB 375
(3/18/97)

Executive Action: SB 349; SB 375; SB 118; SB 234;
SB 259; HB 598

HEARING ON SB 349

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Keating, S. D. 5,
introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1.

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

Proponents Testimony:

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn.

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

George Wood, Ex. Dir. Mt. Self Insurers Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.7; Comments: None.}

Bob Worthington, MMIA

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

Ray Barnicoat, Montana Assn. of Counties

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments: None.}

Howard Bailey, MT. School Groups

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

Mark Berry, State Fund

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.5; Comments: None.}

Chuck Hunter, MT Department of Labor

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.8; Comments: None.}

Opponents Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.5; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Keating closed. Rep. Simon to carry.

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

HEARING ON SB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Keating, S. D. 5,
introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.4; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

George Wood, MT Self Insurers, Ex. Secretary

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.9; Comments: None.}

Bob Worthington, MMIA

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: None.}

Ray Barnicoat, MT Association of Counties

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

Howard Bailey, MT Schools Group

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.6; Comments: None.}

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn.

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

Jim Brown, Building Codes Division, Dept. of Commerce

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.5; Comments: None.}

Mark Berry, State Fund

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.9; Comments: None.}

Chuck Hunter, MT Dept. of Labor

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Keating closed. Rep. Simon to carry.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 331

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Fred Thomas, S. D. 31 introduced SB 331.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dave Richart, Vice Pres. of St. Peter's Hospital

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.7; Comments: None.}

Bob Olsen, MT Hospital Assn. EXHIBIT 2.

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

Nancy Butler, State Fund

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.7; Comments: None.}

George Wood, Ex. Secretary Mt. Self Insurers Assn.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.8; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Thomas closed. Rep. Paul Sliter to carry.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.1; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 375

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Fred Thomas, S. D. 31 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.9; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.5; Comments: None.}

George Wood, Ex. Secretary, Mt Self Insurers. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.6; Comments: None.}

Bob Worthington, MMIA

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.8; Comments: None.}

Ray Barnicoat, MACO

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.8; Comments: None.}

Aidan Myhre, MT Rehabilitation Assn.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: None.}

Jerry Driscoll, MT Industrial Trades

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.6; Comments: None.}

Mark Berry, Mt. State Fund

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.7; Comments: None.}

Chuck Hunter, Dept. of Labor

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

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.0; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Thomas closed. Rep. Cocchiarella to carry.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 290

Motion: Rep. Simon moved do concur SB 290. Rep. Simon withdrew his motion.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.5; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 349

Motion: Rep. Devaney moved do concur SB 349.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.7; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Simon moved to adopt Keating amendments segregating out no. 6. Motion passed unanimously.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Krenzler moved Krenzler amendments. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.8; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE: Rep. Devaney moved do concur SB 349 as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Rep. Simon to carry.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 331

Motion: Rep. Sliter moved do concur SB 331.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.8; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Sliter withdrew motion because amendments are not ready.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 375

Motion: Rep. Sliter moved do concur SB 375.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved to adopt Thomas amendments. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.1; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved do concur SB 375 as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Rep. Cocchiarella to carry.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.5; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 118

Motion: Rep. Devaney moved do concur SB 118.
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.2; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Masolo moved to strike page 2 lines 29 and 30. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.8; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved do concur as amended. Motion carried 18-1. Rep. Prouse voted no. Rep. Devaney to carry.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 234

Motion: Rep. Bookout moved do concur SB 234.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.4; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Bitney moved to adopt Bitney amendments. Motion failed 4-15.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

MOTION/VOTE; Rep. Sliter moved to adopt NAII amendments. Rep. Bookout moves to segregate 1 and 2. Vote on amendments No. 1 carries 18-1. Rep. Sliter voted no. Vote on amendment no 2. carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved do concur SB 234 as amended.

Motion carried 17-2. Reps. Barnett and Trexler voted no.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 598

Motion: Rep. Trexler moved do pass HB 598.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.6; Comments: None.}

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

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.6; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved do pass HB 598 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 259

Motion: Rep. Tuss moved do concur SB 259.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.4; Comments: None.}

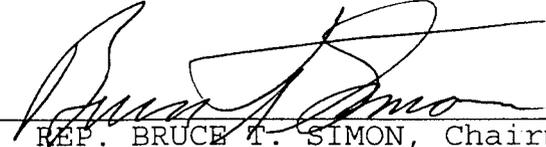
Discussion:

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Vote: Roll call vote - motion carried 18-1 roll call vote. Rep. Simon voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:12 AM



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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