

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on March 27, 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 368; SB 379; SB 89
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON 368

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Lynch, S. D. 19 introduced SB 368. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .04; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dave Brown, MT Independent Machine Operators. EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.8; Comments: None.}

Larry Akey, Coin Machine Operators. EXHIBIT 3.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen, Lynch closed. Rep. Devaney to carry.

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

HEARING ON SB 379

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Lynch, S. D. 19 introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Jerry Lindorf, MT Consumers Finance Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.0; Comments: None.}

Don Hutchinson, Commissioner of Banking. EXHIBIT 4.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor : Senator Lynch closed.

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

HEARING ON SB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Beck, S D 28 introduced SB 89.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Quilici, HD 36.

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

Sen. Lynch, S. D. 19

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.5; Comments: None.}

Rep. Norm Mills, H. D. 19

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.5; Comments: None.}

Rep. Bill Ryan, H D 44. EXHIBIT 5.

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

Joan Mandeville, MT Telephone Assn. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 45.0; Comments: None.}

Barbara Ranf, U S West, EXHIBIT 7 AND 8.

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

Earl Owens, Blackfeet Telephone Assn.

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

Mike Strand, Ex. Vice Pres. MT Independent Telecommunications.
EXHIBIT 9.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.5; Comments: None.}

Patrick Hagen, Touch American

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.6; Comments: None.}

Gary Reeves, MT Electric Coop.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.3; Comments: None.}

David Owen, Mt Chamber of Commerce

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.4; Comments: None.}

Jim Ereaux, Salish-Kootenai College. EXHIBIT 10 AND 11.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: None.}

Lois Fitzpatrick, MT Library Assn. EXHIBIT 12.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.4; Comments: None.}

Jamie Doggett, White Sulpher Springs. EXHIBIT 13.

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

Jerome Anderson, CommNet Cellular One. EXHIBIT 14.

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

Linda Adams, A T and T Gov. Affairs. EXHIBIT 15.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.1; Comments: None.}

Larry Akey, A T and T. EXHIBITS 16, 17, 18

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 38.9; Comments: None.}

Danny Oberg, Public Service Commission. EXHIBIT 19

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.11; Comments: None.}

Mark Staples, MCI

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.2; Comments: None.}

Paul Sicracki, Sprint

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.8; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Jay Wilson, Ronan Telephone Co. EXHIBIT 20.

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

Robert Ekglad, Hot Springs Telephone Co.. EXHIBIT 21.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 43.2; Comments: None.}

Chuck Ebertside, Attorney. EXHIBIT 22.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.7; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Beck closed.

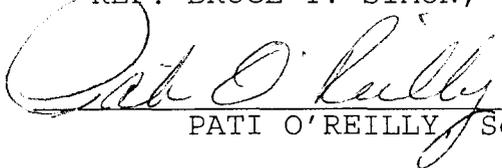
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 AM



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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