

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on April 2, 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 604; HB 615 (3/24/97)
Executive Action: SB 89; HB 604; HB 615

HEARING ON HB 615

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb, H D 11 introduced the
bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:**Rich Miller, Pres. of Gaming Commission**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .03; Comments: None.}

Ellen Angstad, Don't Gamble with the Future. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: None.}

Mark Staples, MT Tavern Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.7; Comments: None.}

Andrea Merrill, Executive Director Mental Health Assn.. EXHIBIT 2.

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

Betty Waddell, MT Assn. of Churches

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

Robert Torres, National Assn. of Social Workers

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

Sharon Hoff, MT Catholic Conference

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.7; Comments: None.}

Paul Clevers

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.0; Comments: None.}

Laurie Hermanson, MT Psychologist Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.6; Comments: None.}

Julie Ippilitto, CAGE EXHIBIT 3.

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

David Brown, Mt Gaming Assn.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.9; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.9; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 604

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Harper, H.D. 2 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 4 AND 5.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.9; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Rose, H D 87. EXHIBITS 6 AND 7.

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

Carl Peterson, MT Malting

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.4; Comments: None.}

Gary Pierson, MT Barley Growers

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.5; Comments: None.}

Bob Stevens, MT Graingrowers Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.7; Comments: None.}

James Conway

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.4; Comments: None.}

Todd Daniels, Castle Brewing Co.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: None.}

Brian Smith, store owner

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Rep. Keenan, HD 75

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.4; Comments: None.}

Tom Hopgood, MT Beer and Wine Wholesalers, EXHIBITS 8, 9 10.

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

Rich Miller, for Mark Staples Montana Tavern Owners Assn.

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

Christine Lee

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.8; Comments: None.}

John Decker, Beer Wholesalers, Billings, MT

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

Dave Brown, MT Ind. Machine Operators

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 32.8; Comments: None.}

Steve Browning, Anhauser Busch

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 33.3; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 36.4; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harper closed.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89

Motion: Rep. Simon moved do concur SB 89.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.3; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Simon moved Simon amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.0; Comments: None.}

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.7; Comments: None.}

Motion: Rep. Simon moved do concur as amended.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.8; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved to adopt Ronan and Hot Springs conceptual amendments. Motion failed. 3-16 Reps. Krenzler, Tuss and Bookout voted yes.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.1; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Simon moved do concur as amended. Motion carried. Motion carried 15-4. Reps. Tropila, Tuss, Ewer and Sliter voted no.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 29.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 615

Motion: Rep. Krenzler moved do pass HB 615.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 34.2; Comments: None.}

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 34.5; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Krenzler moved do pass as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 39.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 604

Motion: Rep. Tuss moved do pass HB 604.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .4; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Tuss moved to adopt Tuss amendments. Motion pass unanimously,

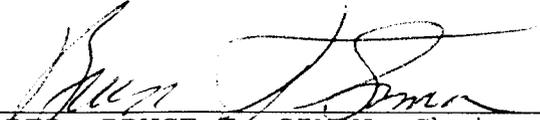
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .5; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep Devaney moved do pass as amended. Motion carried 18-1. Rep. Pavlovich voted no.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:05 AM



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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