

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on April 7, 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. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
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: Rep. David Ewer (D); Rep. Rod Bitney (R)

Members Absent:

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 354, SB 396 (4/3/97)
Executive Action: SB 354, SB 396

HEARING ON

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator M. Waterman, S. D. 26,
introduced SB 354. EXHIBIT 1 AND 2.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.2; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Christine Staggs, Missoula, MT
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.2; Comments: None.}

Mary Carlos, Whitefish, MT.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.8; Comments: None.}

Leonard Echols, Helena, MT
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.8; Comments: None.}

John Shontz, MT Assn. of Realtors
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.9; Comments: None.}

Brian Conn, Helena, MT
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: None.}

Alicia Russell, Jade Garden, Helena, MT, EXHIBIT 3.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.1; Comments: None}

Paul Carbine, Helena, MT
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: None.}

Patrick Corliss, Whitefish, MT
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.3; Comments: None.}

Bob Stevens, Bozeman, MT
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: None.}

Bob Kiesling, Helena Restaurant Owner
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.3; Comments: None.}

Rick Miller, Missoula County Tavern Assn
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.4; Comments: None.}

Darrel Keck, Shelby, MT Tavern Owner
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.8; Comments: None.}

Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Assn. EXHIBIT 4.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.7; Comments: None.}

Tom Hopgood, MT Beer and Wine Wholesalers Assn.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 37.0; Comments: None.}

Dave Brown, MT Independent Machine Operators
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 37.6; Comments: None.}

Melissa Case, Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union. EXHIBIT 5 AND 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.4; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Waterman closed. Rep. Hibbard to carry.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 35.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 354

Motion: Rep. Tropila moved do concur SB 354.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 43.7; Comments: None.}

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 44.0; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Tropila moved do concur as amended SB 354.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .4; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.2; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried 15-4. Reps. Prouse, Devaney, Barnett and Trexler voted no.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Mike Foster, S. D. 20, introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 7.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.3; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Perry Cole, Montana Power Co. EXHIBIT 8 AND 9.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.3; Comments: None.}

John Alkey, Montana Dakota Utilities

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.6; Comments: None.}

Nancy Mccaffree, Public Service Commission. EXHIBIT 10.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.7; Comments: None.}

Sheila Rice, Great Falls Gas Co. EXHIBIT 11.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.3; Comments: None.}

Jan Rehberg, Crowley Law Firm

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.9; Comments: None.}

Jim Ahrens, MT Hospital Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: None.}

Bob Nelson, MT Consumer's Council.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Foster waived closing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 396

Motion: Rep. Pavlovich moved do concur SB 396.

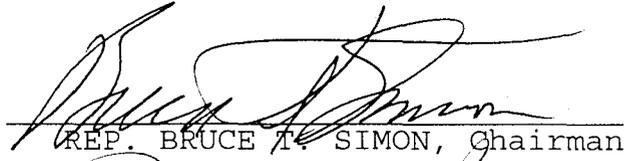
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.5; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved to amend by removing Subsection 3 of Section 3. Motion passed 18-1. **Ewer** voted no.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved do concur as amended. Motion carried 18-1. Rep. **Ewer** voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:05 AM



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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