

HOUSE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

January 17, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m., in Room 434. All members were present.

House Bill 132 was discussed. Rep. Manuel, chief sponsor, gave an explanation of House Bill No. 132. He stated that credit unions have a problem facing them. This proposed legislation would help them to deal with their members. The members are demanding better service and convenience. Until recently, credit union members did not have any available means of drawing funds from their savings accounts. He then introduced Mr. Herbert Walberg, Jr. to further explain the necessity of this bill.

The following people testified as proponents: Mr. Herbert Walberg, Jr., Montana Credit Unions League; Mr. Clinton Vanatta, Westside Federal Credit Union in Great Falls; Mr. James Bolzer, Montana Central Credit Union in Billings; Mrs. Kathleen K. Blehm, Rimrock Credit Union in Billings; Mr. Joe Switzler, Valley Credit Union in Billings; Mr. David L. Jackson, Montana Credit Unions League; and Mr. Ray E. Blehm, Jr., Rimrock Credit Union in Billings (testimonies attached).

The following people testified as opponents: Mr. John Cadby, Montana Bankers Association; Mr. Harold Pitts, Montana Independent Bankers; and Mr. Gene Phillips, Conrad National Bank in Kalispell (testimonies attached).

Rep. Manuel closed by saying that if this bill is defeated, our customers will not receive the service they are asking for.

The discussion was open to questions. Mr. Bolzer stated that the fee for the share draft is \$4.85 for a book of 200. Mr. Walberg stated that the state and federal chartered credit unions must carry a deposit insurance.

The committee then went into executive session.

Mr. Leo Berry appeared before the committee to explain the 2-year period on House Bill No. 40. He said there was no possible way in which you could end up with a 2-year period. There is always a 1-year permit. The bill contains no substantive changes.

Rep. Harper moved that House Bill No. 40 DO PASS. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Harrington asked for an explanation on House Bill No. 49. Rep. Fabrega moved that House Bill No. 49 DO PASS. Rep. Bradley made a substitute motion to vote on the amendments individually. Rep. Fabrega moved to adopt the first amendment. Rep. Bradley made a substitute motion to not adopt the amendment. Her reason being that she does not believe any food establishment would not show the price on the shelf. She said the labels should be on the items. Rep. Fabrega

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stated that it would be too costly to do this type of procedure of pricing. The motion passed to adopt the first amendment unanimously.

Rep. Fabrega moved to adopt the second amendment. After some discussion, the second amendment was adopted with 10 members voting yes, 6 members voting no (attached).

Rep. Fabrega moved to adopt the third amendment. The motion to adopt the third amendment passed unanimously.

Rep. Metcalf moved that House Bill No. 49 DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed with 10 members voting yes, 6 members voting no (attached).

Mr. Pyfer explained the amendments in House Bill No. 71. Rep. Fagg moved the proposed amendments be adopted. The amendments were adopted unanimously. Rep. Fagg moved that House Bill No. 71 DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


JOHN C. VINCENT, Chairman

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY VOTING RECORD

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HB 49	HB 49
1st Amend-	DO NOT
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adopted	AMENDED

Aageson	NO	YES
Bradley	YES	YES
Burnett	ABSENT	ABSENT
Ellison	NO	NO
Fabrega	NO	YES
Fagg	NO	YES
Harper	YES	YES
Harrington	YES	NO
Kenny	NO	YES
Metcalf	YES	YES
Nathe	NO	NO
Quilici	NO	NO
Scully	NO	YES
Shelden	NO	NO
Tower	NO	YES
Tropila	YES	YES
Vincent	YES	NO
	6 YES	10 YES
	10 NO	6 NO