

January 6, 1977  
11:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

The meeting of the Business and Industry Committee was called to order by Chairman Frank Hazelbaker on the above date in Room 404 of the State Capitol Building at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Senator Kolstad who was excused.

Chairman Hazelbaker stated that there were three bills posted for Saturday, January 8th and one bill posted for Tuesday, January 18th.

Since everyone had the opportunity to give more thought to the piece of legislation discussed Tuesday from the Montana Banker's Association, Chairman Hazelbaker asked if they wanted to introduce it as a committee bill. He also stated that if anyone was not happy with the bill the way it was now, they could consider amendments.

Senator Regan stated she had studied the bill carefully and had found objection to much of it. She stated Senator Turnage was proposing another bill, similar to this one relating to electronic banking and she had encouraged him to put this forth so that they could compare the two bills. She stated she had also thought of proposing it as a Senate Joint Resolution.

Senator Devine stated that he agreed with Senator Regan. He stated he knew that different states such as Nebraska and Iowa had made studies on this.

Alex Stephenson, representing the Montana Independent Bankers stated the consumer protection had already been set in by the Federal Government and that he thought the Committee should give more thought to the bill.

John Cadbury, Manager of the Montana Bankers Association said he appreciated Senator Regan's concern regarding the safeguards of this bill. He stated that when proposing the bill, they didn't feel they should try to build into it every possible safeguard that could be envisioned especially when other safeguards are already built in by the State and Federal Government.

He stated that he wanted the banks to remain competitive. The only ones who are going to use the new system are those who want to take advantage of the convenience. He doesn't believe that with the passage of this bill, a massive EFTS would develop overnight.

Herbert Walberg, Jr., representing the Montana Credit Union League stated that the Billings area was his greatest concern. However, he did not want to take any position on the bill this morning.

Senator Devine stated that he felt he would be at the mercy of the computer. He asked why the banking or financial institutions have not thought of setting up a holding company.

John Cadbury stated he thought it would probably evolve into something of that nature.

Senator Regan thought they were debating the thrust of the bill and thought they should wait until the bill was introduced. Chairman Hazelbaker agreed.

Senator Regan stated she had information regarding Iowa's two-year study. She stated she would have copies made so that everyone could have a copy.

Chairman Hazelbaker stated that since there were two opposed to the bill that in order to make a committee bill, we would have to have three-fourths of the membership of the committee and since Senator Kolstad was excused, there would be no way we could make a committee bill today.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Chairman Hazelbaker adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

  
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Frank W. Hazelbaker, Chairman

DATE Jan. 6, 1977

COMMITTEE ON Business & Industry BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BILL NO.

## VISITOR'S REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	Check One	
		Support	Oppos
Harriet W. Welch Jr.	Montana Credit Union League		
John W. Welch	Montana Bankers Assn	STTS	
Thomas W. Welch	Montana Retail Assoc.		
John W. Welch	Ride Senator Bonanza & Rockie		
John W. Welch	Bankers, Rogues, Bankers, etc.		
John B. Stephenson	Mont Independent Bankers		

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

