

JANUARY 30, 1979
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 12:30 p.m. The secretary took roll. Representatives Fagg and Ellerd were absent. All other members were present.

HOUSE BILL 212: Rep. Carroll V. South, sponsor, said he introduced this bill on behalf of the Dept. of Administration and the State Labor Relations Bureau. The purpose of the bill is to exempt confidential employees from the definition of public employees. He introduced Mr. Bill Gosnell, State Personnel Division, who spoke for the bill. He introduced LeRoy Schramm, Labor Relations Bureau, who also spoke in favor of the bill (exhibit 1).

The following proponents spoke and gave written testimony:

Lee Kent Rodegaugh, City of Great Falls (exhibit 2).

Linda Skaar, Board of Personnel Appeals, Helena (exhibit 3).

James R. Campbell, City of Helena (exhibit 4).

David G. Goss, City of Billings (exhibit 5).

The following said they would support HB 212 with amendments:

Thomas Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (exhibit 6).

Don Judge, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Helena (exhibit 7).

There were no opponents to the bill. Questions were asked by the Committee.

HOUSE BILL 214: Rep. Dozier, sponsor, said the bill basically updates the apprenticeship law. Rep. Dozier submitted amendments to the Committee (exhibit 8).

Proponents to HB 214 were: Terry Bass, Montana Counties Association, said he came prepared to oppose the bill, but after hearing testimony and the amendments, is a proponent.

Dave Fuller, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry, said the Department needs this bill to bring their statutes into compliance with national guidelines.

Carol Bush, Dept. of Labor and Industry, spoke and submitted written testimony (exhibit 9).

There were no opponents.

HOUSE BILL 323: Rep. Harrington, sponsor, said this is a very simple, but important bill. He said many people are surprised the law is still on the books. He said a similar bill was passed in 1977, but was vetoed by the Governor.

Proponents were: Phil Campbell, Montana Education Association, said that teachers, who do not want to bargain, use this law.

Thomas Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association, said that for the good of labor relations, he supports this bill.

Don Judge, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, left written testimony (exhibit 10).

There were no opponents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HOUSE BILL 33: The secretary read the minutes of the subcommittee meeting on HB 33 (Exhibit 11). Rep. O'Connell made a motion that HB 33 DO NOT PASS. The motion carried 12-3. Reps. Seifert, Stobie, and Porter voted no.

HOUSE BILL 143: Discussion among Committee members. Action Postponed.

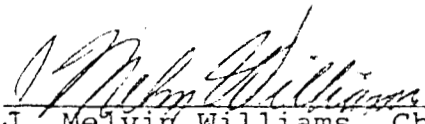
HOUSE BILL 129: A motion was made by Rep. Dozier that HB 129 DO NOT PASS. Motion carried 12-3. Reps. Harper, Pavlovich, and Porter voted no.

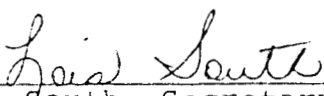
HOUSE BILL 177: It was moved by Rep. Harrington that HB 177 DO NOT PASS. Motion carried 8-7. Reps. O'Connell, Porter, Seifert, Stobie, Teague, Underdal, and Wyrick voted no.

HOUSE BILL 54: A motion was made by Rep. Seifert that HB 54 DO NOT PASS. Rep. Harrington made a substitute motion that HB 54 DO PASS. Rep. Teague made a substitute motion to all motions pending that HB 54 be placed in a subcommittee. Motion carried 12-3. Reps. Wyrick, Seifert, and Williams voted no.

Chairman Williams appointed Reps. Teague, Underdal, and Dassinger to the subcommittee on HB 54. Rep. Teague, chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.


J. Melvin Williams, Chairman


Lois South, Secretary