

FEBRUARY 8, 1979
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Chairman Williams. The secretary took roll. Rep. O'Connell was absent. All other members were present.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24: Rep. Marks, sponsor, explained that this bill is an attempt to help people who are on public assistance find jobs. He said the resolution directs the Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services to promulgate rules to implement this program. He said HJR 24 does not apply to people under 16, or to people in other work type programs. He said the program would employ almost the same persons as would be covered in HB 333. Rep. Marks submitted material to the committee of a similar program in Utah (exhibit 1).

Rep. Marks introduced Grant Roset, SRS, who spoke as a proponent to HJR 24 (exhibit 2).

Rep. Moore spoke in support of HJR 24. He requested the committee to table his bill HB 333 and asked them to go with HJR 24 instead.

Opponents were: Gail Stoltz, Montana Human Resource Development Council, Helena, (exhibit 3); Marlene Kaiser, Montana Human Resource Development Council, Charlo, (exhibit 4); and James Murry, AFL-CIO, who said he opposes HJR 24 for the same reasons he opposed HB 333.

Questions were asked by the committee.

SENATE BILL 29: Senator Hafferman, sponsor, said he was asked by the Department of Labor and Industry to sponsor this bill. He introduced Dick Kane, Labor Standards Division who further explained the bill (exhibit 5). There were no proponents or opponents. Questions were asked by the committee.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25: Rep. Menahan, sponsor, introduced Norman Grosfield, Division of Workers' Compensation, who explained the resolution (exhibit 6).

Proponents were: James Murry, AFL-CIO, said his organization supports the resolution and thinks it is a step in the right direction; Bill Potts, AFL-CIO; William Bacon, Local 239, Three Forks; Mitch Mihailovich, Operating Engineers, Butte; Joe Crosswhite, Operating Engineers.

Opponents: Elton Ahlgren Continental Oil Co., Billings, (exhibit 7); Tom Clinkscales, Exxon Co., Billings, (exhibit 8); William Leary, Montana Hospital Association, Helena (exhibit 9); Roy Prussing, Associated Engineers, Billings, (exhibit 10); Martin Frelinger, Hoerner Waldorf pulp mill, Missoula, (exhibit 11); W.S. Hanson, Helena; Steve Williams, Anaconda Co. Don Allen, Montana Petroleum Association, said he opposes the resolution and thinks the issue should be dealt with in a forthright manner in the form of a bill or legislation, and not by a resolution. James R. Hughes, Mountain Bell, Helena, said he thinks the resolution would be a step backward and concurs with previous testimony. T. Carl Johnson, School Administrators of Montana,

said he neither supports or opposes, but suggested the committee consider the effect on schools, if this resolution passes (exhibit 12).

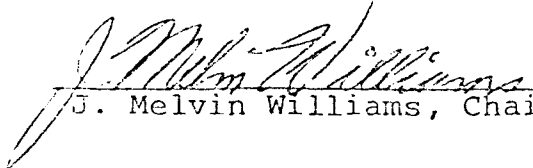
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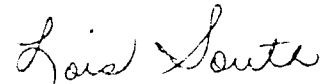
HOUSE BILL 515: Rep. O'Connell, sponsor, was not present to explain the bill. The committee heard testimony. Opponent, Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees' Association, said this bill is a can of worms. He said he had an attorney draft a bill that would address the problem, but it was turned in too late. Rep. Menahan said Rep. O'Connell had asked him to request the committee to kill HB 515 because it is a bad bill. There were no proponents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HOUSE BILL 515: It was moved by Rep. Menahan that HB 515 DO NOT PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.


J. Melvin Williams, Chairman


Lois South, Secretary