

MARCH 1, 1979
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Chairman Williams. The secretary took roll. Reps. Seifert and Teague were excused.

SENATE BILL 155: Larry Huss, Montana Auto Dealers Association, said he had been asked by Senator Boylan, sponsor, to explain the bill. He said that under the federal wage act certain employees are exempt from the provisions of overtime. He said the courts had decided that those employees who were exempted by the federal act would be covered by the state act. He said HB 155 would provide the same exemptions to the state law that apply to federal law.

The following proponents gave written testimony and spoke in favor of the bill:

George Selover, Billings, Selover Buick (exhibit 1).
Gerald Raunig, Helena, Montana Automobile Dealers' Assc. (exhibit 2).
Bob Leinart, Fort Benton, Power Motors (exhibit 3).
Avis Ann Tobin, Helena, Mt. Hardware & Implement Assc. (exhibit 4).
R.W. Solbert, Great Falls, Bison Motor Co. (exhibit 5).
William Jones, Great Falls, car salesman, (exhibit 6).
Donald Clayton, Great Falls, mobile home dealer, (exhibit 7), said he supports the bill with an amendment to include mobile home and R.V. salesmen.
Ed Sheehy, Jr., Montana Manufactured Housing Association, said he supported the bill and offered an amendment (exhibit 8).

The following opponents gave written testimony and spoke against the bill:

James Murry, Montana State AFL-CIO, (exhibit 9).
Dick Kane, Labor Standards Division, (exhibit 10).
Carl Bakker, Havre, (exhibit 11).
James Murr, Great Falls, Machinists Dist. Lodge # 29 (exhibit 12).
Don Judge, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, briefly spoke against the bill.

Petitions opposing SB 155 were submitted (exhibits 13, 14, 15).

In closing, Senator Boylan said he had no personal interest in SB 155. He said the problem was drawn to his attention last summer when he was visiting with his farm implement dealer. He said he is in no way against organized labor, but did not think this would come under organized labor.

Questions were asked by the committee.

SENATE BILL 190: Senator Stimatz, sponsor, said the bill deals with the employer contribution to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) for CETA workers, students, and certain city and county administrators. He submitted a letter from Bruce DeRosier, Governor's Employment and Training Council, (exhibit 16) that explained PERS in

relation to CETA.

Proponent, Dave Goss, City of Billings, said city managers move around from state to state, and the bill would allow them to stay with one retirement program.

Other proponents were Jim Turcotte, PERD, and Beverly Givson, Montana Association of Counties. The only opponent was Don Judge, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. Questions were asked by the committee.

SENATE BILL 150: Senator Mehrens, sponsor, introduced Norm Grosfield, who further explained the bill (exhibit 17).

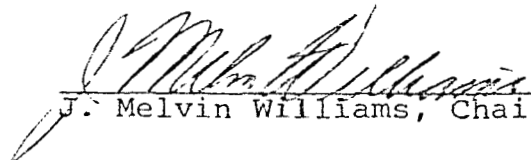
Proponents were: Stephen Williams, Anaconda Co., George Wood, and James Murry, AFL-CIO, said they want to go on record in support of SB 150 and urged the committee to give a DO PASS recommendation.

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SENATE BILL 150: A motion was made by Rep. Harper that SB 150 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 190: It was moved by Rep. Harrington that SB 190 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.


J. Melvin Williams, Chairman


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