

APRIL 3, 1979
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Williams. The secretary took roll. Reps. Menahan, Teague, and Pavlovich were absent. All other members were present.

SJR 35: Dick Kane, Labor Standards Division, Department of Labor and Industry spoke as a proponent and gave written testimony (exhibit 1). He said that SJR 35 requests the Committee on Priorities assign a Joint Committee to study the child labor laws. He said there are many conflicts between the state and federal child labor laws. He said Montana's present child labor laws were drafted in 1907, and cannot be applied to the present work environment. He said the committee would report its findings and recommendations on proposed legislation to the next legislature.

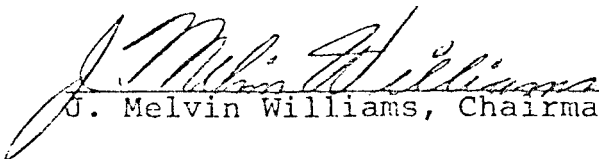
Rep. Fagg said he was against a study and considered it a waste of time and money. He suggested that the Department of Labor and the labor unions get together and draft some legislation and present it to the next legislature.

James Murry, AFL-CIO, said Montana's child labor laws are very confusing, and that an objective indepth study is necessary.

Rep. Harrington stated he supported the resolution. He said teachers are concerned about students who work late night hours and have trouble keeping up their grades. He said the teachers and students see all kinds of problems and something needs to be done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SJR 35: It was moved by Rep. O'Connell that SJR 35 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 11-3.


J. Melvin Williams, Chairman


Lois South, Secretary