

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

February 7, 1979

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 10:00 a.m.

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

SENATE BILL 302: Chairman Hazelbaker called on Senator Regan, sponsor of SB 302 to explain the bill to the Committee.

Senator Regan stated SB 302 is an act to increase the number of groups which may obtain temporary permits to sell beer or all alcoholic beverages.

PROPOSERS OF SENATE BILL 302: Senator Regan read a letter from Mr. Barry L. Hjort, Representative of the Laurel Golf Club. This organization supports SB 302. This letter is attached.

Senator Bill Thomas, representing the College of Great Falls, spoke in support of SB 302.

Mr. John Frankino, representing the Montana Catholic Conference, stated they are in support of SB 302.

OPPOSERS OF SENATE BILL 302: Mr. Phil Strobe, representing the Montana Tavern Association, stated they are opposed to SB 302. They do not believe amateurs should be in the business and in competition with the regular market places.

Mr. Bob Durkee, representing the Montana Tavern Association, spoke in opposition to SB 302. He stated there are approximately 1,500 available permits which is doubling the number of operating licenses throughout the state. The state of New York went into the permit system, and it broke the license quota system. Mr. Durkee stated he feels there are too many licenses already.

Mr. J. D. Lynch, representing the Cascade Tavern Association, stated they oppose SB 302. He hopes the Committee will hold up action on the bill, because there are other bills forthcoming which address the quota system.

Senator Dover asked about the number of days the permit could be used.

Senator Regan stated the permit could be used for 60 days.

Senator Goodover asked if this bill would create a conflict with a law passed two years ago. Senator Regan stated she didn't know. Mr. Leon Messerly of the Department of Revenue stated that it would create a conflict.

Senator Lowe stated it looked like the bill could be misinterpreted.

Senator Regan stated tighter language may have to be drafted into the bill.

Chairman Hazelbaker suggested Senator Regan work with Senator Goodover on an amendment to the bill. They agreed to do this.

The hearing on SB 302 was concluded.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 230: Senator Lowe moved that SENATE BILL 230 DO NOT PASS. Senator Peterson seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously the bill DO NOT PASS.

SENATE BILL 209: Senator Regan feels the language in this bill is too vague. She wishes to talk to Mrs. Driscoll in the Insurance Commissioner's Office regarding an amendment to this bill.

Senator Goodover offered two amendments to SB 209. These amendments are attached.

Senator Mehrens moved the amendments proposed by Senator Goodover be adopted. The Committee voted unanimously to adopt the amendments.

Senator Peterson also proposed an amendment to SB 209. This amendment refers to Page 1, line 22.

Following: "after"


Strike: "July 1, 1979"

Insert: "January 1, 1980"

Mr. Peterson's amendment was unanimously adopted.

No action will be taken on SB 209 until we get the proposed amendment from Senator Regan.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Sen. Frank Hazelbaker, Chairman

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 7 1979

MR. **President:**

We, your committee on **Business and Industry**

having had under consideration **Senate** Bill No. **230**

Respectfully report as follows: That **Senate** Bill No. **230**

~~DO NOT PASS~~
~~DO PASS~~

Honorable Frank Hazelbaker, Chairman
Senate Business and Industry Committee
Montana Senate
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59601

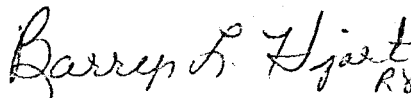
Dear Chairman Hazelbaker:

This is to advise the Chairman and the standing committee members of the Senate Business and Industry Committee that the Laurel Golf Club strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill 302, introduced by Senator Regan. The bill would provide an opportunity for a country club, such as the Laurel Golf Club, to obtain a special permit to sell all alcoholic beverages on a special permit basis for not more than sixty (60) days during the calendar year.

The Laurel Golf Club is an organization which represents approximately one thousand (1,000) members in the Laurel-Billings area. Presently, although the Club has an established restaurant facility and also has an existing beer and wine license, the Club may not obtain an all-beverage license which would permit the sale of all alcoholic beverages to its members on-premises. This proposed legislation would permit the sale of all-beverages during special events during the height of the golf season.

The Board of Directors of the Laurel Golf Club and the membership of that organization respectfully request that this Committee take favorable action upon Senator Regan's bill and vote it out of committee with a "do-pass" recommendation.

Very truly yours,

 Barry L. Hjort

Barry L. Hjort
Representative of the
Laurel Golf Club

NAME: Bill Thomas DATE: _____

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PHONE: 761-8013

REPRESENTING WHOM? College of G. F.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: _____

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: PHIL STROPE DATE: 2-7-79

ADDRESS: NELENA

PHONE: _____

REPRESENTING WHOM? Mount TAVERN ASS

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 302

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: _____

SB 302 IS NOT NECESSARY

IF SB 108 BECOMES LAW.

SB 108 WILL ALLOW THE PRIVATE

SECTOR TO CATER LIQUOR

AT PUBLIC GATHERINGS.

NAME: JH Lynch DATE: 2/7/79

ADDRESS: 534 Hollins Av

PHONE: 443-5569

REPRESENTING WHOM? Cascade Tenure Ass.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: S.B. 302

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 209

1. On page 1, line 21, after "year" insert "(or 7.4% if payable annually in advance)".

2. On page 2, line 8, after "year" and before the period insert "unless the policyowner by written notice to the insurer elects to defer payment of interest until it has accrued".

*Amended
by
10/1/79*