

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1979

The meeting of the Business and Industry Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairman Pat Goodover on the above date in Room 404 of the State Capitol Building at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: All members were present. Chairman Hazelbaker had to attend another meeting for a few minutes, but returned later in the meeting.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4: Vice-Chairman Pat Goodover introduced Representative John Scully, sponsor of HJR 4. Representative Scully explained the resolution to the Committee. This resolution requests the Committee on Priorities to assign an interim committee to study the Model Consumer Credit Code of 1974 prepared by the National Consumer Law Center, to try to adapt that code to the Montana situation and to report to the 47th Legislature.

There were no other proponents or opponents to the resolution.

There was a question and answer period from the Committee.

Senator Blaylock suggested that this resolution be submitted to another committee for study. Representative Scully stated this would be acceptable.

Vice-Chairman Goodover closed the hearing on House Joint Resolution 4.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21: Vice-Chairman Goodover called on Representative W. Bennett, sponsor of HJR 21, to explain the resolution to the Committee. This resolution requests the Committee on Priorities to appoint a committee to study the best means of promoting industries that will use Montana's economy and avoid exportation of such resources, while preserving Montana's excellent natural environment. Dr. Bennett suggested that the resolution could be financed through contributions by industry. Dr. Bennett feels that Montana could have more industry to use the raw products in the state.

PROPOSERS OF HJR 21: Mr. Joe Crosswhite of Columbia Falls, Montana, representing Operating Engineers and WETA, stated they feel we should get some fabricating plants in the state. They support HJR 21.

Mr. Gordon McGowan, Highwood, Montana, representing Montana Railroad Association, stated this resolution deserves to be looked at. There should be some types of clean industries which could fit into the Montana pattern. He urged support of HJR 21.

Janelle Fallan of Helena, representing the Montana Chamber of Commerce, stated they support HJR 21.

Mr. Brett Boedecker, Glendive, Montana, representing himself and the Glendive Area Chamber of Commerce, stated he is in support of HJR 21.

There were no opponents to HJR 21 present at the hearing.

There were questions from the Committee.

Senator Blaylock wondered what the resolution could bring out that they already don't know.

Mr. Crosswhite stated that he thought the study would bring out the fact that a fabricating plant would not harm the environment.

Senator Kolstad stated that he hoped the study would reveal that the high property taxes in Montana are a deterrent to bringing industry into the state.

Vice-Chairman Goodover closed the hearing on HJR 21.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16: Chairman Hazelbaker called on Representative Gerke, sponsor of HJR 16, to explain the resolution to the Committee. This resolution encourages President Carter to request adequate funding for subsidized housing programs under the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Representative Gerke stated that this resolution should help in the loosening up of funds available for housing.

There were no other proponents or opponents present at the hearing.

There was a question and answer period from the Committee.

Chairman Hazelbaker suggested this resolution be directed specifically to President Carter and the Congressional Delegation.

Chairman Hazelbaker closed the hearing on HJR 16.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4: Senator Dover moved that HJR 4 be concurred in. The Committee voted unanimously that HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4 BE CONCURRED IN.

Senator Dover will carry HJR 4 on the floor.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8: Chairman Hazelbaker introduced Representative Dan Harrington, sponsor of the resolution. This resolution urges the Public Service Commission limit utility rate increases to stay within the guidelines adopted by the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability. Representative Harrington stated he feels there should be a slow down in the rate of increases.

PROPOSERS OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8: Mr. Bill Opitz, representing the Montana Public Service Commission, stated they support the passage of HJR 8.

There were no other proponents or opponents to the resolution.

There were questions from the Committee.

Senator Blaylock stated he has received very bitter letters regarding the big increase in natural gas and questioned why the increase was so great.

Mr. Opitz stated that under the wage and price guidelines natural gas is exempt, and they are the largest contributors to the increase.

Representative Harrington made closing remarks urging the passage of HJR 8.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8: Senator Blaylock moved that HJR 8 be concurred in. The Committee voted unanimously that HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8 BE CONCURRED IN.

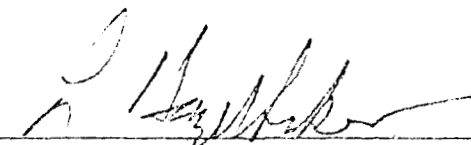
Senator Blaylock will carry HJR 8 on the floor.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21: Senator Hager asked if the Committee would wait until Thursday, March 1, to take executive action on HJR 21. The Committee agreed to this.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16: Senator Lowe moved that HJR 16 be concurred in. The Committee voted unanimously that HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16 BE CONCURRED IN.

Senator Lowe will carry HJR 16 on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Senator Frank Hazelbaker, Chairman

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 28, 1979

MR. President:

We, your committee on Business and Industry

having had under consideration House Joint Resolution XXIV No. 4

Respectfully report as follows: That House Joint Resolution XXIV No. 4

BE CONCURRED IN
MESSAGE

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 28, 1979

MR. President:

We, your committee on Business and Industry

having had under consideration House Joint Resolution XX Bill No. 3

Respectfully report as follows: That House Joint Resolution XX Bill No. 3

BE CONCURRED IN

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 28, 1979

MR. President:

We, your committee on Business and Industry

having had under consideration House Joint Resolution X~~2~~ Bill No. 16

Respectfully report as follows: That House Joint Resolution X~~2~~ No. 16

BE CONCURRED IN

X~~2~~ DO PASS *J.A.*

NAME: Joe Rumbolt DATE: 9 21 78

ADDRESS: C. 1266 West

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REPRESENTING WHOM? Mr. Eugene W. E. A.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 45R21

DO YOU: SUPPORT AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Gordon McIlwain DATE: 2/28-1977

ADDRESS: Highwood Court 59450

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REPRESENTING WHOM? Mont RR Association

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HJR 21

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Jovelle Talbu or Rosemarie Strage DATE: 2/28/79

ADDRESS: Box 1730, Helena

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REPRESENTING WHOM? Montana Chamber of Commerce

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HR 2

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Lawrence J. Friedman DATE: 2/15/62

ADDRESS: 100 Park Ave. N.Y. N.Y.

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REPRESENTING WHOM? Sec. of Defense

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 417

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

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