

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 15, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairman Frank Hazelbaker in room 404 of the Capitol Building on Wednesday, April 15, 1981. Present were Senators Goodover, Kolstad, and Lee. Because of the conflict with conference committees and the need to hear the bills, Senator Stan Stephens was called to make a quorum. Senators Dover and Boylan came in later.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55:

Senator Turnage presented the bill as a co-sponsor. This bill is requesting an interim study of provisions governing motor vehicle liability insurance. The study should include consideration of the following.

1. The rate structures for motor vehicle liability insurance offered for sale in Montana,
2. the feasibility of requiring policies to be offered that would insure against the liability of the operator of any vehicle regardless of ownership and that coverage be a mandatory condition precedent to the issuance of an operator's license in lieu of coverage being based upon the vehicle or its ownership, and
3. whether state laws now adequately promote adequate protection of citizens from irresponsible motorists at a reasonable cost for the protection provided.

This is not an unheard of concept although it is new to Montana. There is another study that has passed and if it is adopted, this could be included with the other study. In any event, auto liability insurance is now compulsory in Montana and the rates go up every day. That is what the study is about.

PROPONENTS:

LARRY MAJERIS: Motor Vehicle Division. We would welcome a study.

JO DRISCOLL: Montana Insurance Department. We have no objection to a study and we will cooperate in every way we can.

NO OPPONENTS:

The hearing closed on House Joint Resolution No. 55.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55:

SENATOR GOODOVER moved that HJR 55 be concurred in. The motion carried with the vote unanimous. Senator Turnage will carry on the floor, since he is a co-sponsor of the bill.

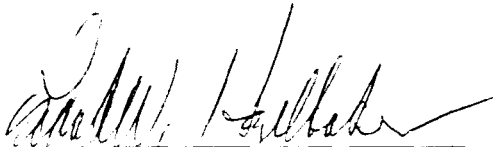
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65:

In the absence of the chief sponsor, Senator Lee commented that this bill could be combined with the economic study. This bill would authorize a study of how to mitigate economic distress to a community caused by a dislocation of the community's primary industry.

There were no other proponents and no opponents.

SENATOR KOLSTAD moved that HJR 65 be concurred in. The motion carried with the vote unanimous. Senator Jacobson will carry on the floor because she is a co-sponsor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



Frank W. Hazelbaker, Chairman

Mary Ellen Connelly, Secretary

ROLL CALL

BUSINESS and INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1981

Date 3/15/81

| NAME | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
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| Goodover, Pat - Vice Chairman | ✓ | | |
| Hazelbaker, Frank - Chairman | ✓ | | |
| Blaylock, Chet | | | |
| Boylan, Paul | | | |
| Dover, Harold | | | |
| Kolstad, Allen | ✓ | | |
| Lee, Gary | ✓ | | |
| Regan, Pat | | | |
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COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

House Joint Resolution 65

Representative Harrington

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

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Marks (Senator Turnage)

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