

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE  
47th SPECIAL SESSION (II)

June 26, 1982

Senator Hazelbaker called the meeting to order of the Senate Business and Industry Committee at 11:04 a.m in Room 405 on the above date.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with Senator Regan excused.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 17: Rep. Winslow of District #65, sponsor of the bill, clarified the intent of the bill section by section, pointing out what is intended to be accomplished.

PROPOSERS: There were no other proponents present to speak in behalf of the bill.

OPPOSERS: Jim Murry, Executive Secretary, Montana State AFL-CIO was present to speak in opposition to the bill. They felt that it expanded the idea of SB 1 (Sen. Turnage's bill) into construction work at the prison. They don't feel that Montana workers should be put out of work with inmate labor, however, they do support the idea of education and training programs for the inmates. Secondly, they found subsection (3) offensive in that it restricted the collective bargaining. He explained that the union's relationship with the prison administration has been very good up to this time and there are now several inmates that are working with tradespeople at the prison. They feel that the unions should be allowed to negotiate contracts and that this legislation is totally unnecessary.

Nadine Jensen, AFSCME, representing the maintenance and repair people and didn't want to see their jobs jeopardized by the inmates.

There were no more opposers present.

Questions from the Committee: Senator Kolstad asked if this bill addressed itself to doing work at other institutions. Rep. Winslow stated no it did not, but that was the way it was printed in the first place but that it had been amended to read only at the prison. However, on further perusal of the bill copy that was before the Committee, it was discovered that the third reading bill was not printed with the amendments included. Greg Petesch was instructed to see that the bill was reprinted in the third reading copy from the House to reflect that the amendments were included and that "all state institutions" is changed to "prison".

Senator Hazelbaker brought out the fact that he had taken a tour of the prison with Roger Crist and that Mr. Crist pointed out one of the barns had been built entirely with convict labor, prison material (cutting logs, etc.) except for the roof and that was done by union labor. He asked Mr. Murry if the unions had a problem with that to which Mr. Murry answered that he didn't know if it was the same building but that in one instance the roofing union picketed the prison and eventually ended up doing the roofing on a job that inmates were doing.

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Senator Goodover asked if this would include city and county jails? Rep. Winslow stated that it was never brought up, only for the prison. Senator Blaylock felt that they might have a pretty tough time explaining to private citizens that are out of work that this type of work is being done by inmates, especially with the large unemployment rate.

Rep. Winslow felt there is plenty of work to be done at the prison and we may have to even increase our staff to work with the inmates.

Sen. Dover moved that House Bill No. 17 BE CONCURRED IN.

Senator Blaylock said he was in sympathy with the problem and realized there is a problem but felt that when you hand a hammer, wood chisel or saw to an inmate there could be some problems. Rep. Winslow stated that these inmates will be minimum security, would be under close supervision and certainly hoped that if you handed out six hammers you would make sure that six hammers were turned in at the end of the day.

Sen. Dover again moved that House Bill No. 17 BE CONCURRED IN.  
MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

  
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Frank W. Hazelbaker, Chairman

47th SPECIAL SESSION II

ROLL CALL

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1981

Date June 26, '81

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
BLAYLOCK, Chet	X		
BOYLAN, Paul	X		
DOVER, Harold	X		
KOLSTAD, Allen	X		
LEE, Gary	X		
REGAN, Pat			X
GOODOVER, Pat, V. Chm.	X		
HAZELBAKER, Frank, Chairman	X		

Each day attach to minutes.

SENATE COMMITTEE Business & Industry

Date June 26, '82 House Bill No. 17 Time 11:20

NAME	YES	NO
Blaylock, Chet		✓
Boylan, Paul		✓
Dover, Harold	✓	
Kolstad, Allen	✓	
Lee, Gary	✓	
Regan, Pat		
Goodover, Pat, V. Chm.	✓	
Hazelbaker, Frank, Chm.	✓	

Louise Sullivan  
Secretary

Frank W. Hazelbaker  
Chairman

Motion: House Bill No. 17 BE CONCURRED IN.

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)



STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **PRESIDENT**.....


We, your committee on **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**.....

having had under consideration **HOUSE BILL**..... Bill No. **17**.....

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE BILL**..... Bill No. **17**.....

**BE CONCURRED IN**

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Chairman.

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