

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 25, 1985

The meeting of the Business and Labor Committee was called to order by Chairman Bob Pavlovich, on February 25, 1985 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 312-2 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Representative Schultz, who was excused by the chairman.


HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39: Hearing commenced on House Joint Resolution 39. Representative Red Menahan, District #67, sponsor of the bill, stated Burlington Northern has reduced its property taxes by 6 million dollars in one year and that a reduction of 4.3% in coal freight rates of Burlington Northern would cause a revenue reduction equal to the reduction of revenue to the State of Montana from a reduction in coal severance tax. We are asking Burlington Northern to do what we in Montana are doing, added Representative Menahan.

There being no proponents or opponents to the bill, the representative was excused by the chairman and the hearing on House Joint Resolution 39 was closed.

ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 39: Representative Driscoll moved DO PASS on House Joint Resolution 39. Representative Hansen seconded the motion. Representative Brandewie moved to amend on page 2, deleting lines 3 through 9 and added that we are asking the Burlington Northern to absorb our reduction. Representative Kadas explained that we are asking them not to absorb our reduction. Representative Brandewie withdrew his motion. Representative Simon asked if this resolution is necessary since Representative Winslow's resolution has passed and stated that 6 million dollars is not a tax break. Representative Bachini suggested both resolutions be sent to the senate and allow them to work these into one resolution. Representative Ellerd moved to amend on page 1, striking lines 22 through line 2 on page 2. The motion did fail with 9 members voting yes and 10 members voting no. Representative Kitselman moved to amend on page 2, line 4, striking easily. The motion did pass unanimously. Question was called to Representative Driscoll's DO PASS motion. The motion received a 10 to 10 vote. House Joint Resolution will be sent to the house floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.

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ADJOURN: There being no further business before the
committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.


Rep. Bob Pavlovich
Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL
BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date February 25, 1985

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Bob Pavlovich	✓		
Les Kitselman	✓		
Bob Bachini	✓		
Ray Brandewie	✓		
Jan Brown	✓		
Jerry Driscoll	✓		
Robert Ellerd	✓		
William Glaser	✓		
Stella Jean Hansen	✓		
Marjorie Hart	✓		
Ramona Howe	✓		
Tom Jones	✓		
Mike Kadas	✓		
Vernon Keller	✓		
Lloyd McCormich	✓		
Jerry Nisbet	✓		
James Schultz			✓
Bruce Simon	✓		
Fred Thomas	✓		
Norm Wallin	✓		

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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SPEAKER

MR.

BUSINESS AND LABOR

We, your committee on

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

39

having had under consideration Bill No.

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URGING THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN TO REDUCE ITS FREIGHT RATES
FOR TRANSPORT OF MONTANA COAL

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

39

Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Page 2, line 4
Following: "could"
Strike: "easily"

2. Page 1, line 13
Following: "are"
Strike: "not competitive compared"
Insert: "confidential under the terms of contracts allowed under the
federal Staggers Act between the railroad and the shippers
it is impossible to determine if the cost of transporting
coal from Montana mines to southwestern utility purchasers is
competitive"

DO PASS
WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION
AS AMENDED

ROLL CALL VOTE

HOUSE COMMITTEE BUSINESS AND LABOR

DATE Feb 25, 1985 BILL NO. HSR 39 TIME _____

NAME	AYE	NAY
Bob Pavlovich		✓
Les Kitzelman	✓	
Bob Bachini		✓
Ray Brandewie	✓	
Jan Brown		✓
Jerry Driscoll		✓
Robert Ellerd	✓	
William Glaser	✓	
Stella Jean Hansen		✓
Marjorie Hart		✓
Ramona Howe		✓
Tom Jones	✓	
Mike Kadas		✓
Vernon Keller	✓	
Lloyd McCormick		✓
Jerry Nisbet		✓
James Schultz		
Bruce Simon	✓	
Fred Thomas	✓	
Norm Wallin	✓	

Secretary Debbie Aquil

Chairman Bob Pavlovich

Motion: ~~9-10~~ 9-10 Amendment; strike Whereas on page

1, line 22

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BILL

HJR 39

DATE _____

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SPONSOR

Rep. Menahan

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WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.