

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

April 4, 1985

The meeting of the Business and Labor Committee was called to order by Chairman Bob Pavlovich on April 4, 1985 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 312-2 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Representative Les Kitselman and Representative Fred Thomas, who were excused by the chairman.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 33: Hearing commenced on Senate Joint Resolution 33. Senator John Mohar, District #1, sponsor of the resolution, explained that there are current license fees, but no regulation of contractors. It is appropriate for the state to study the role of contractors. Building codes are present, but are not enforced in circumstances, other than municipalities.

Proponent Barbara Martin, staff researcher, governor's advisory council, explained they were asked to look at building codes as well as contractors, but with the workload the staff was not able to. All on the council, support the idea that the state look at and see how much enforcement is needed. This creates a liability situation for the state, added Ms. Martin.

Representative Schultz asked Senator Mohar if the state board of architect and engineering could inspect. Senator Mohar explained it is difficult for an inspector from Helena to travel throughout the state and qualified construction is needed. The board acts more in a administrative or audit function.

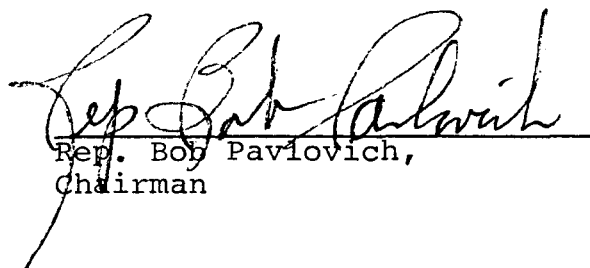
Representative Simon asked Senator Mohar if a licensed architect is needed for all plans. Senator Mohar stated in many instances an inspector gets plans in a very sketchely drawn manner and there is no way of telling if the project meets code.

In closing, Senator Mohar explained the requirement of licensure by a board is present in all minor functions in life. The purchase of property is many times the largest investment a person will make. Every place in the state have different licensing standards and this will help to approach the problem on a statewide basis.

There being no further discussion by proponents and no opponents present, all were excused by the chairman and the hearing on Senate Joint Resolution 33 was closed.

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ACTION ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 33: Representative Ellerd moved DO PASS on Senate Joint Resolution 33. Representative Glaser stated this will solve no problems and that there are a number of standards throughout the state. Representative Kadas added that the problem is in the urban areas with the building codes. Most inspectors are not certified and many times there are no rural inspections except for the electric and plumbing work. Representative Brandewie stated the state has two mechanical inspectors. We have codes now, but need money to send qualified people out. Representative Ellerd explained we are talking about licensed contractors and anyone can be a contractor, we need regulation. Representative Jones offered a substitute motion that Senate Joint Resolution 33 be TABLED. A voice vote defeated the motion. Representative Driscoll stated we license all professions in the state but contractors, they should be licensed so that when you hire a contractor you know what you are getting. Representative Glaser stated the state has adopted most of the building codes and they have the authority to inspect. This bill should pertain to contractors, not architects and engineers. Representative Kadas moved to amend, striking subsection (2). A voice vote defeated the motion. A roll call vote resulted in 12 members voting yes and 6 members voting no. Senate Joint Resolution 33 will BE ADOPTED.

  
Rep. Bob Pavlovich,  
Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL  
BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date April 4, 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 McCormick	✓		
Jerry Nisbet	✓		
James Schultz	✓		
Bruce Simon	✓		
Fred Thomas			✓
Norm Wallin	✓		

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 4

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MR. SPEAKER

We, your committee on BUSINESS AND LABOR

having had under consideration SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION Bill No. 33

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**REQUEST INTERIM STUDY OF ROLE OF STATE IN REGULATING  
CONTRACTORS & BLDG. CODE**

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION Bill No. 33

**DO PASS  
BE ADOPTED**

# ROLL CALL VOTE

HOUSE COMMITTEE BUSINESS AND LABOR

DATE April 4, 1985 BILL NO. SR 33 TIME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	AYE	NAY
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 McCormick	✓	
Jerry Nisbet	✓	
James Schultz		✓
Bruce Simon		✓
Fred Thomas		
Norm Wallin	✓	Ⓢ

Secretary Debbie Aquil

Chairman Bob Pavlovich

Motion: DO PASS 12-60

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