

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

February 17, 1987

The thirteenth meeting of the Labor and Employment Relations Committee was called to order by Chairman Lynch on February 17, 1987, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 413/415 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

Senator Lynch explained that the committee is meeting primarily to discuss where we plan on going with the two Workers' Compensation bills, SB 315 and SB 330.

Senator Lynch said all were involved with ideas for change and reform of the Workers' Compensation Law, including the sponsors of the bills, Senator Bob Williams and Senator Fred Van Valkenburg and leadership members. After visiting with these people, Senator Lynch decided to form a subcommittee. Senator Lynch stated this will be a very hard-working subcommittee. He removed himself from the subcommittee and said most all of the committee has indicated a desire and willingness to serve on the committee. Senator Lynch feels four members would be a large enough subcommittee.

The subcommittee, after being appointed, will meet with all the factions at a convenient time to all, and they will report back to the main committee. Senator Lynch stated until we know further, we will go along with the assumption to have this bill out of committee by Friday, February 20, 1987. The committee will check the progress and see if the February 20 deadline is possible. In the event it is not possible, we will have to take an alternate route and see if an extension could be granted. Senator Lynch stated the subcommittee will decide which bill they will begin working on. Senator Lynch reminded the committee of the option of creating a committee bill, incorporating both bills.

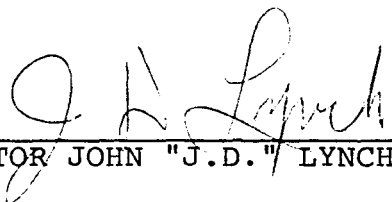
Senator Thayer asked Senator Lynch if getting the bill out by Friday will meet the transmittal deadline. Senator Lynch replied yes, if it is out by Friday it will be on the debate stage before the transmittal date of Wednesday, February 25, 1987, it can be debated on Monday or Tuesday and be transmitted by Wednesday evening.

Chairman Lynch appointed the following members to the subcommittee: Senator Haffey, Chairman; Senator Blaylock, Senator Gage and Senator Thayer. Senator Lynch stated Mary McCue will work along with our researcher, Tom Gomez. Mary is very familiar with this section of the law we are dealing with. He said she will be at the disposal of the subcommittee.

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Senator Lynch stated the Labor and Employment Relations Committee entrusts the bills to the subcommittee and wishes them well.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, the hearing adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
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SENATOR JOHN "J.D." LYNCH, CHAIRMAN

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