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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Call to Order: By Rep. Bob Pavlovich, on March 9, 1989, at 8:30

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Paul Verdon and Sue Pennington

Announcements/Discussion: None

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 18

Motion: Rep. Kilpatrick moved BE CONCURRED IN.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: SB 18 BE CONCURRED IN unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 351

Motion: Rep. Nelson moved BE CONCURRED IN and moved the amendments.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The amendments insert "-extension permissible" on page 8, line 17, page 10, line 25,
following "may", strike ",", on page 10, line 25, through
page 11, line 2 following "penalty" on line 25, strike
remainder of line 25 through "investments" on line 2, insert
"abate the penalty", page 11, line 7, following line 6
insert "(4) The department of revenue may grant an extension
of time in which to make qualified investments pursuant to
subsection (1) upon application by a capital company showing
reasonable cause for an extension." and renumber subsequent
subsection. The amendments DO PASS unanimously.

Recommendation and Vote: SB 351 BE CONCURRED IN as amended unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 303

Motion: Rep. Johnson moved BE CONCURRED IN.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: Rep. Simon moved the amendments. The 4 pages of amendments DO PASS unanimously.

Recommendation and Vote: SB 303 BE CONCURRED IN as amended 15-1 vote.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 369

Motion: Rep. Steppler moved <u>BE NOT CONCURRED IN</u>. Rep. DeMars made a substitute motion to TABLE the bill.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: SB 369 TABLED 11-5 VOTE.

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 443

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Stimatz, Senate District 35, said this will allow the lottery commission to participate with other states in lottery games whether or not the state has a common border with Montana; and amends Section 23-5-1007, MCA.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Rep. Bob Pavlovich

Proponent Testimony:

Rep. Pavlovich wants to go on record in support of this bill.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Stimatz said this bill just concerns itself with removal of the word "regional" in the existing law. I would hope the committee gives this bill a favorable vote.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 443

Motion: Rep. Bachini moved BE CONCURRED IN.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: SB 443 BE CONCURRED IN 8-6 vote with one member abstaining.

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 15

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Halligan said that this bill will require that no instrument or deed evidencing a transfer of property can be filed without an affidavit by the seller stating that the home being sold is equipped with a smoke detector.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Charles Gibson, Montana State Fire Chiefs Association Ray Blehm, State Fire Marshall, Helena Sharon Cleary, Montana Association of Realtors Ed Fleece, Helena Fire Department Bill Reed, Missoula

Proponent Testimony:

Mr. Gibson said that after speaking with Rep. Stella Jean Hansen, I know there is some feeling among you that this is not a strong enough bill, that it should be revised or combined with SB 207. My association supports both bills, but we feel this bill will make effective legislation, your action as legislators will show that you understand the need for smoke detectors and the need for this legislation. We encourage you to support this legislation and if it needs improvements, do this in the future. Eighty percent of fire deaths are at home. It has been proved that smoke detectors save lives and property.

Mr. Blehm said the bottom line is that smoke detectors will save lives. I urge you to give this bill a do pass.

Ms. Cleary stated that she supports this bill. I urge your favorable consideration of this bill.

Mr. Fleece said they think this is a good bill and if it saves only one life it is worth it. I urge you do pass on this bill.

Mr. Reed said that in the 28 years he has been a fire fighter there have been several severe injuries and deaths. Several of the homes did not have smoke detectors. This bill could save lives. I urge you to give this bill a do pass.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: Rep. Hansen asked Rep.

Halligan if the real estate agent would have to buy the smoke detector? It doesn't state in the bill who is required to buy the smoke detector. Rep. Halligan said he did not think the realtor would have anything to do with purchasing the smoke detector. When the seller writes out the statement that the home is equipped with a smoke detector and gives it to the realtor, the realtor can't be held liable. If the owner signs the affidavit the real estate agent is not liable.

Rep. Pavlovich told Rep. Halligan that he had planned to put this bill and SB 207 in a sub-committee and see if they can come up with something with the two bills together, something compatible, as they are almost the same thing. I didn't think it should die on the floor because I think it is a good bill.

Rep. Wallin asked Mr. Blehm how many fatalities were kids home without either parent in the home? How would they have been able to cope with this fire alarm? Mr. Blehm said there is a lot of education in all the schools right now teaching fire safety to the kids. Kids are probably the most educated people, fire safety wise, of the population. The odds are reasonably good that these kids are older, school age, they would be able to get out. If they are under school age the parents should not be leaving them alone, unattended without adult supervision. We know there are unresponsible parents around the country.

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Halligan said if the committee has some suggestions as to how to make this not mandatory I am willing to work with them. I am willing to accept amendments.

Rep. Pavlovich put SB 15 and SB 207 in a sub-committee with Reps. Hansen, Steppler, and Glaser, with Rep. Hansen chairing the sub-committee.

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 267

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Meyer, Senate District 17, said this bill will remove prohibition against state chartered savings and loans loaning money on farms.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

John Buchanan, Chairman of the Board, Fidelity Savings & Loan, Great Falls

Proponent Testimony:

Mr. Buchanan said they are the only state chartered savings and loan. The most important thing right now under state law we do not have the ability to provide checking accounts for our customers and can't loan on property that is outside of the city limits in an agricultural area. These are two real important things our institution must have to thrive and prosper. We are the smallest S&L in the state, our assets are about 30 million dollars. All other S&L's, banks, and credit unions have the ability to provide checking accounts to their customers. Our state law strictly prohibits that.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Meyer said this is for state chartered institutions and there is only one, it is in Great Falls. I feel that it is a good thing for them to be able to make these loans and provide checking service for their customers. I ask your support for the bill.

HEARING ON SENATE BILL 438

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Eck, Senate District 40, Bozeman, said this bill will allow a corporation or partnership to act as a real estate licensee if every member of the corporation or partnership is licensed.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Sharon Cleary, Montana Association of Realtors Jack Greenway, Bozeman

Proponent Testimony:

Ms. Cleary said she was here today in support of HB 438. Currently there are approximately 4,400 members that are active real estate licensees in the state. Of these, 1,800 are brokers and they are the only ones who have the opportunity to take advantage of using a corporation to provide these benefits. We ask you to extend this provision in the license law to licensed real estate salespersons so that they too may incorporate and take advantage of the fringe benefit programs available to them as a corporation.

Mr. Greenway said he was here in support of the bill and would not duplicate the support given. I ask your support of this bill.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Eck asked the committee to give the bill a do pass.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 438

Motion: Rep. Bachini moved BE CONCURRED IN.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: SB 438 BE CONCURRED IN unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 267

Motion: Rep. Bachini moved BE CONCURRED IN.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: SB 267 BE CONCURRED IN unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 182

Motion: Rep. Thomas moved BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: Rep. Kilpatrick had a question about page 4, line 17, asked one of the insurance people on the committee to explain to him, one of the opponents told me that this was going to be prohibitive where the 50-20 is taken out and is just a co-insurance factor applicable for a physical illness. Would you explain to me why this is going to cost so much money? Rep. Thomas said co-insurance that is just like your company pays now, 80 percent after deductible of your cost, other plans are even lower. This would be the same, the bill says with striking that out, you will be paid on the mental illness benefits the same as your other hospital costs, 80 percent, 70 percent or what have you. The cost is still lifetime maximum of \$8,000, that could be paid on a total of \$10,000 of bills over the lifetime. In the present law, 50 percent of the \$8,000 applies to \$16,000 of bills. Rep. Thomas said you might accelerate the payments but not over all increase them over the lifetime. Rep. Kilpatrick said the opponent told him that because of

this it is going to cost him more money. Rep. Nelson said it would cost more money. Rep. Nelson thinks this will promote over use of insurance.

Rep. Hansen asked if the insurance isn't the way to go then what are people who need help supposed to do? Rep. Nelson said he thought maybe we should let the state pay for it. People that propose these things are providers of service, not the people that need the service.

Rep. Nelson sees this as moving towards socialized medicine. Mandated insurance requiring employers to provide coverage may make insurance too expensive for many firms forcing employers to either cut wages or reduce benefits. The number of Americans without health insurance has increased by 25 percent since 1980.

Rep. DeMars asked Sen. Keating about the concern of the U of M. Sen. Keating said fiscal note from the U of M representative showed that the state employees would have to pay an additional \$50-\$60 each. This bill does not affect the state employee at all, that plan is handled under the Blue Cross and is exempt from this situation. It only addresses the U of M plan because it is a self insured plan and they constitute less than I percent of the people that would be affected by this bill. They are putting a disproportioned weight on it. Blue Cross said that if there is an increase it would not be more than \$4 or \$5 per month instead of the \$40-\$50 these people are talking about.

Rep. Thomas said that most of the good plans that are offered for health insurance in the state exceed these minimum benefits. These again are minimum benefits for alcoholism and mental illness. Most plans have \$25,000 or something like this at least in them that are being bought out there in the market. You are not adjusting the policies out there. This is preventive cost. Mental illness and alcoholism are diseases that need treatment just like colds and heart conditions and what have you. We should provide these coverages, sure it costs more money. It costs more everyday as time goes on to go to the doctor. These are things that should be treated, they are not things that we should let go. This is health care and this involves mental health too. This is bare minimum coverage, it is not escalating by any big deal. It is a very minor instance.

Rep. Hansen said that in regard to the opposition from the University, they were using the wrong figures when they did their calculating. They were using 1.7 and it should have been 1.07 which makes guite a difference.

Rep. Smith said that this covers group plans. In some cases the employer pays it all for the employee and some just pay a part of the cost. The real problem I have with this is that I think some of the people will say we just can't pay this any more and drop the insurance all together.

Rep. Wallin made a substitute motion to $\overline{\text{TABLE}}$ the bill. The motion failed 5-10.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: The amendments DO PASS unanimously.

Recommendation and Vote: SB 182 BE CONCURRED IN as amended 9-6 vote with 1 member abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 10:20 a.m.

PEP. BOB PAVLOVICH, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTCOMMITTEE

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Amendments to Senate Bill No. 303 Third Reading Copy

Requested by Sen. Gene Thayer Prepared by Mary McCue March 2, 1989

1. Title, line 7.
Strike: "AGENTS"

Insert: "BUSINESSES"

2. Title, lines 8 and 9.
Following: "PENALTIES"

Strike: remainder of line 8 through "REQUIREMENT" on line 9

3. Page 1, line 15.
Strike: "agents"

Insert: "businesses"

4. Page 1, line 18. Following: "those"

Strike: "who"

Insert: "businesses that"

5. Page 2, line 7.
Strike: "Agents"

Insert: "Businesses"

6. Page 3, lines 12 through 14.

Strike: subsection (4) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

7. Page 3, line 19.

Strike: "agent"

Insert: "business"

8. Page 4, lines 10 and 11.

Following: "companies"

Strike: remainder of line 10 through "days" on line 11

9. Page 5, lines 1 and 2.

Following: "(2)" on line 1

Strike: remainder of line 1 through "days." on line 2

10. Page 5, line 12.

Strike: "escrow agents"

Insert: "persons"

11. Page 6, line 1.

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12. Page 6, line 5.

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Business and Economic</u>

<u>Development</u> report that <u>Senate Bill 303</u> (third reading copy - blue), with statement of intent attached, <u>be concurred in as amended</u>.

Signed:
Robert Paylovich, Chairman

[REP. GOOD WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

And, that such amendments read:

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10. Page 5, line 12. Strike: "escrow agents" Insert: "persons"

11. Page 6, line 1.
Strike: "escrow agent's"

12. Page 6, line 5. Strike: "as an escrow agent"

13. Page 6, line 8. Strike: "agent's" Insert: "business"

14. Page 6, lines 13 and 14. Strike: "and his residence address"

15. Page 7, line 3. Strike: "agent's" Insert: "business"

16. Page 7, line 9.
Strike: "agent"
Insert: "business"

17. Page 7, line 16. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"

18. Page 9, line 4.
Strike: "(a)"
Following: "shall"
Insert: "perform one of the following:
(a)"

19. Page 9, lines 13 through 17.

Strike: lines 13 through 17

Insert: "(b) request that the director examine the financial condition, transactions, and affairs of the licensee pursuant to

procedures prescribed by the director."

- 20. Page 10, line 8. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"
- 21. Page 10, line 11. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"
- 22. Page 10, line 17. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"
- 23. Page 10, line 18. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"
- 24. Page 10, line 20. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"
- 25. Page 10, line 22. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"
- 26. Page 10, line 22. Strike: "are" Insert: "is"
- 27. Page 10, line 25. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"
- 28. Page 11, line 4. Strike: "agent" Insert: "business"
- 29. Page 11, line 25. Strike: "agents" Insert: "businesses"
- 30. Page 12, line 6. Strike: "agents" Insert: "businesses"
- 31. Page 12, line 10.
 Following: "person"
 Insert: "is not a licensed"

"agent" Strike:

Insert: "business license"

32. Page 13, line 16.

"his" Strike:

Insert: "the licensee's"

33. Page 13, line 21.

Strike: "agent"

Insert: "business"

34. Page 14, line 3. Strike: "agent"

Insert: "business"

35. Page 14, lines 6 and 7. Following: "the"

Strike: "escrow agent's"

Insert: "licensee's"

36. Page 14, line 8.

Strike: "agent"

Insert: "business"

37. Page 16, lines 3 through 5.

Strike: section 17 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Business and Economic</u>

<u>Development</u> report that <u>Senate Bill 351</u> (third reading copy - blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: Robert Pavlovich, Chairman

[REP. McCORMICK WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]
And, that such amendments read:

- 1. Page 8, line 17.
 Following: "penalty"
 Insert: "-- extension permissible"
- 2. Page 10, line 25. Following: "may" Strike: "_"
- 3. Page 10, line 25, through page 11, line 2. Following: "penalty" on line 25 Strike: remainder of line 25 through "investments" on line 2 Insert: "abate the penalty"
- 4. Page 11, line 7.
 Following: line 6
 Insert: "(4) The department of revenue may grant an extension of time in which to make qualified investments pursuant to subsection (1) upon application by a capital company showing reasonable cause for an extension."
 Renumber: subsequent subsection

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Business and Economic</u>

<u>Development</u> report that <u>Senate Bill 182</u> (third reading copy - blue) <u>be</u> concurred in as amended.

| Signed: | | | | |
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| | Robert | Pavlov | ich. | Chairman |

[REP. SIMON WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 2, line 20. Following: "functions"

Insert: "an organic or emotional impairment that has substantial adverse effects on an individual's cognitive or volitional functions and that is"

March 9, 1989 Page 1 of 1

Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Business and Economic</u>

<u>Development</u> report that <u>SENATE BILL 18</u> (third reading copy -blue) <u>be concurred in</u>.

| Signed: | | | |
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| | Robert | Pavlovich, | Chairman |

[REP. THOMAS WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Business and Economic</u>

<u>Development</u> report that <u>SENATE BILL 267</u> (third reading copy - blue) <u>be concurred in</u>.

Signed: Robert Pavlovich, Chairman

[REP. SIMPKINS WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Business and Economic</u>

<u>Development</u> report that <u>SENATE BILL 438</u> (third reading copy - blue) <u>be concurred in</u>.

Signed: Robert Pavlovich, Chairman

[REP. BACHINI WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Business and Economic</u>

<u>Development</u> report that <u>SENATE BILL 443</u> (third reading copy - blue) <u>be concurred in</u>.

Signed: Robert Pavlovich, Chairman

[REP. DARKO WILL CARRY THIS BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR]

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 303 Third Reading Copy

Requested by Sen. Gene Thayer Prepared by Mary McCue March 2, 1989

1. Title, line 7.
Strike: "AGENTS"

Insert: "BUSINESSES"

2. Title, lines 8 and 9. Following: "PENALTIES"

Strike: remainder of line 8 through "REQUIREMENT" on line 9

3. Page 1, line 15. Strike: "agents"

Insert: "businesses"

4. Page 1, line 18.

Following: "those"

Strike: "who"

Insert: "businesses that"

5. Page 2, line 7.

Strike: "Agents"

Insert: "Businesses"

6. Page 3, lines 12 through 14.

Strike: subsection (4) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections

7. Page 3, line 19.

Strike: "agent"

Insert: "business"

8. Page 4, lines 10 and 11.

Following: "companies"

Strike: remainder of line 10 through "days" on line 11

9. Page 5, lines 1 and 2.

Following: "(2)" on line 1

Strike: remainder of line 1 through "days." on line 2

10. Page 5, line 12.

Strike: "escrow agents"

Insert: "persons"

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Strike: "as an escrow agent"

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Strike: "agent's"
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- Following: "the"
- Strike: "escrow agent's"
- Insert: "licensee's"
- 36. Page 14, line 8.
- Strike: "agent"
- Insert: "business"
- 37. Page 16, lines 3 through 5.
- Strike: section 17 in its entirety
- Renumber: subsequent sections

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 351 Third Reading Copy

For the Committee on Business and Economic Development

Prepared by Paul Verdon March 9, 1989

1. Page 8, line 17.
Following: "penalty"
Insert: "-- extension permissible"

2. Page 10, line 25.
Following: "may"
Strike: "_"

3. Page 10, line 25, through page 11, line 2. Following: "penalty" on line 25
Strike: remainder of line 25 through "investments" on line 2
Insert: "abate the penalty"

4. Page 11, line 7.
Following: line 6
Insert: "(4) The department of revenue may grant an extension of time in which to make qualified investments pursuant to subsection (1) upon application by a capital company showing reasonable cause for an extension."

Renumber: subsequent subsection

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 182 Third Reading Copy

For the Committee on Business and Economic Development

Prepared by Paul Verdon March 9, 1989

1. Page 2, line 20.
Following: "functions"
Insert: "an organic or emotional impairment that has substantial
 adverse effects on an individual's cognitive or volitional
 functions and that is"

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March 3, 1989

TO:

Rep. Robert Pavlovich, Chairman, and

Members of the House Business & Economic Development Committee

RE:

HB743

At the March 1, 1989, hearing on subject bill, MTA testified as neither proponent nor opponent because we did not have an opportunity to review the amendments and Statement of Intent presented by the proponents at the start of the hearing.

Having now done so, we ask that the Montana Tavern Association be recorded as an opponent to the passage of this bill.

On Line 19, Page 1, the bill states that "all types of wine need to be marketed on the same basis." The only reason for this pronouncement is that the grocery stores, which are the biggest customers of the beer/wine distributors, want to get more of the camel's anatomy inside the tent. Both groups are moving toward their lonedesired goal of allowing spirits to be sold in grocery stores, and this bill is a giant step in that direction. First, they got beer, then table wines, now they want the fortified wines, and once they have all three, they'll be after spirits.

We direct the Committee's attention to a copy of a portion of the Washington State Legislature's Legislative Digest, specifically their HB1977. This bill was introduced by Rep. Locke, who is chairman of their House Appropriations Committee, in answer to the growing problem they are experiencing in their urban areas because of easy availability of the 24% wines to a vulnerable segment of their society.

This problem is also occurring in Oregon and Utah, two more of our sister control states. Information received from both states indicates that they are blocking off areas of their major cities which transients and inebriates frequent in an attempt to alleviate their control problems. In Utah, specifically, this has caused those patrons to travel to the suburban areas to buy the fortified wines; they use the public transportation system to reach the suburban outlets, then return with their purchases to their favorite areas that are in close proximity to shelters and soup kitchens. This has also caused bootlegging. Those who do not elect to travel to the suburbs buy from others who bring the wines back into the area to resell.

We do not think the state of Montana should deliberately add to the social problems attendant to alcohol abuse by making fortified wines more available. If it is made more difficult for these patrons to acquire the higher alcohol content products, it may be a deterrent to their consumption.

We respectfully ask that this Committee do not pass HB743.

Very truly yours,

STEVE WILKEN, President Montana Tavern Association

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Enclosures



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PUBLICATION: This publication should be <u>discarded</u> upon the receipt of Edition No. 5 of the *Legislative Digest and History of Bills.*

Creating a citizen review board system for substitute care of children.

Provides for a system to act in an advisory capacity to the judiciary, the department of social and health services, and the legislature.

Establishes the system's purposes.

Makes the procedures mandatory in certain counties, and optional in others.

Defines terms.

Requires the state supreme court to take certain actions to establish such boards, and to report thereon by January 1, 1991.

Provides for board organization, confidentiality. functioning.

immunity.

Establishes procedures that apply to certain cases where a child has been placed in substitute care, and modifies certain existing provisions relating to dependent children.

Modifies requirements relating to

permanent placement of children.

Requires certain notice to parents when children are taken into custody.

-- 1989 REGULAR SESSION ..

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Human Services.

H. B. 1974 by Representatives Jacobsen, Peery, Nelson, Anderson

Naming the giant sloth as the official state fossil.

Recognizes the efforts of school students to determine an appropriate fossil.

-- 1989 REGULAR SESSION--

Feb 15 First reading, referred to State Government.

H. B. 1975 by Representatives Doty. Brooks, Rayburn, Baugher

Permitting use of cabulances for pa-

tient transport.

Exempts cabulance type vehicles from the prohibition of RCW 18.73.180 that limits the use of certain vehicles for transporting patients who either must be carried on a stretcher, or who may require medical attention en route.

-- 1989 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Health Care.

S. Wilson, Gallagher, Baugher, Schmidt, Walk

Extending the project cost evaluation

methodology program.
Extends from 1990 to 1991 the pilot program under RCW 47.28.190 which excepts certain roadway and maintenance projects from open competitive public bidding requirements.

-- 1989 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Transportation.

H. B. 1977 by Representatives Locke, Silver, Phillips, H. Sommers, Brough, Vekich, Winsley, Hankins, Anderson, Ferguson, Wood, D. Sommers, Todd,

Regulating the sale of fortified wine.

Recognizes certain characteristics

of alcoholism in urban settings.

Authorizes the liquor control board to prohibit the sale of fortified wine in certain stores upon a finding that the sale of fortified wine is against the public interest.

Provides for a fortified wine retailer's license for stores having class F licenses, and provides for limiting the issuance of such licenses. Designates class F licenses as table wine retailers' licenses.

Allows retail wine sellers to provide free samples to customers for

sales promotion purposes.

Deletes certain existing provisions relating to restrictions on class F licenses.

Takes effect January 1, 1990.

-- 1989 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

H. B. 1978 by Representatives Jacobsen, Nelson, Beicher

Revising provisions for application of the state building code.

Relates to women's public restrooms and other matters.

Provides for relatively more restroom facilities for women in places of public assembly, and allows local governments to retain authority to amend the state building code in structures

which are not used for public assembly. Requires, specifically, the adoption of the appendices to the Uniform

Justomers Are Driven to Suburbia for Strong Wine

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taking it back to Pioneer Park and selling it - that's what's happening." he declared. Purchases may not be just for themselves.

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said the Ashton Ave., Miller Ave. and Redwood Road stores have all apped their or-But Fred Purner, warehouse manager.

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Mr. Brown said the new concern is the so-

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some sugar with their alcohol. bon. With wine at least, the drinkers get feared would happen. Persons who aften will penhandle for enough money to buy a bottle are switching to the cheapest works or boar-Mr. Kellen said downtown store sales of

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without any trouble. though most of that morning stall expecting to buy downlown store's wine customers showe noted a small extra demand for theap w because the store iss't as easily accesse but the impact is expected to be less He added that the moratorium sta

DABC hired some extra security perso for the downtown store (off-duty Salt) "They didn't know, or believe, that it going to happee," he said. Out of concern there might be trouble

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