

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Call to Order: By REP. BOB BACHINI, CHAIRMAN, on February 4, 1991, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Bob Bachini, Chairman (D)
Sheila Rice, Vice-Chair (D)
Joe Barnett (R)
Steve Benedict (R)
Brent Cromley (D)
Tim Dowell (D)
Alvin Ellis, Jr. (R)
Stella Jean Hansen (D)
H.S. "Sonny" Hanson (R)
Tom Kilpatrick (D)
Dick Knox (R)
Don Larson (D)
Scott McCulloch (D)
Bob Pavlovich (D)
John Scott (D)
Rolph Tunby (R)
Norm Wallin (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Don Steppler

Staff Present: Paul Verdon, Legislative Council
Jo Lahti, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Announcements/Discussion: HB 411 was heard today. Economic development in Montana was discussed by several people.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 411

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MIKE KADAS, HD 55, Missoula, sponsored this bill at the request of the Legislative Audit Committee. It is an Act to make permissive the reports common carriers of beer and cigarettes file with the Department of Revenue; and amends Sections 16-3-235 and 16-11-104, MCA. Reports on the products carried by railroads and motor carriers transporting beer and cigarettes manufactured out of state and brought into Montana are mandated for each

month. This bill will make those reports permissive rather than mandatory. The information on the reports can now be obtained from other sources.

Proponents' Testimony: John Northey, Legal Counsel for the Office of the Legislative Auditor, explained under present law the report is mandatory. The Department wants to be able to receive these reports if they desire to do so, but since the information is already available from other sources, it does not have to be mandatory. HB 411 will change the requirement for the reports from mandatory to permissive.

REP. BOB PAVLOVICH, HD 70, Butte, supports HB 411. He serves on the Audit Committee and they all agreed this is an acceptable change. REP. KADAS agreed to carry the bill for the Committee.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KADAS closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 411

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved HB 411 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously. Wine had not been included in HB 411 so REP. PAVLOVICH moved to reconsider HB 411. This motion was unanimously adopted. Reconsideration will be taken February 5, 1991.

VICE CHAIR REP. SHEILA RICE took over as Chairman. She introduced Chuck Brooks, Director, Bob Heffner, Chief Administrator for Economic Development, and Rick Jones, Relocation Officer, all from the Montana Department of Commerce, who presented information on the economic small business development strategy of this administration which is focussed on nurturing and helping the growth and expansion of existing Montana Businesses.


Butch Ott, President of the Billings Chamber of Commerce; and Janet Seagrave, High Plains Development Authority, Inc., Great Falls, presented information on economic development in Montana and answered questions from the Committee. EXHIBIT 1

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:35 a.m.



REP. BOB BACHINI, CHAIRMAN



JO LAHTI, SECRETARY

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