

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Call to Order: By REP. BOB BACHINI, CHAIRMAN, on April 2, 1991,
at 11:30 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)
Don Stepler (D)
Rolph Tunby (R)
Norm Wallin (R)

Members Absent: REP. BOB PAVLOVICH

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: This was an executive action meeting
on SB 16.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 16

REP. BACHINI asked Dave Barnhill, Deputy Commissioner of Insurance in the Auditor's Office, to remind the Committee members what the bill does and why it has been held. Mr. Barnhill explained SB 16 is a housekeeping bill of the Insurance Department. This was intended to simply refine various minor problems of the insurance code. It originally contained in it SB 256 which was the preferred provider bill. That was pulled out of

this bill in the Senate Industry Committee and they asked SB 16 be held by the House sponsor until that TPO bill was given a chance to advance, hence the delay.

This bill was reviewed by industry before the Legislative session and there were no objections to it except for that TPO provision which is no longer in it. On the Senate side and here there was no testimony in opposition to it whatsoever. SB 16 refines various miscellaneous provisions of the insurance code and it would be very difficult to review it into a totality since most of the provisions are unrelated. Basically it is a refinement of the code.

Motion: REP. SHEILA RICE moved SB 16 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

REP. KILPATRICK asked if the fees have been changed or are they the same. Mr. Barnhill said the problem is is that there is a fee to be paid to the insurance department when the insurance department administers the licensing examination. Currently they do not do so, they contract with a third party. People getting licenses think they have to pay a fee to the Auditor's office and to the third party. SB 16 specifies they do not pay a fee to the Auditor when the license examination is administered by a third party. It doesn't change the amount of the fees whatsoever.

REP. WALLIN said that doesn't answer his question about the fees. Mr. Barnhill explained there is no change to the fee whatsoever. There is a \$10-15 fee when the insurance department administers the licensing examination. They currently do not do so, nor are they required to do so. The third party that administers the exam charges their own fee, but because this is in the statute, the applicants think they must pay the insurance department and the third party examiner. The department has to return their money, so they want to clarify they are to pay a fee to the department only when they give the exam themselves.

Vote: SB 16 is CONCURRED IN with REPS. BACHINI and SCOTT voting NO. REP. PAVLOVICH will carry SB 16 on the House floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.



REP. BOB BACHINI, CHAIRMAN



JO LAHTI, Secretary

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12:45

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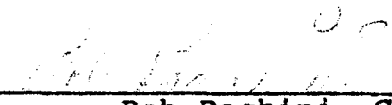
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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Business and Economic Development report that Senate Bill 16 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in .

Signed: 
Bob Bachini, Chairman

Carried by: Rep. Pavlovich