

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 272

Call to Order: By SENATOR GARY C. AKLESTAD, Chairman, on April 19, 1997, at 2:45 p.m., in the room adjoining Senate Chambers.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gary C. Aklestad (R)
Sen. Wm. E. (Bill) Glaser (R)
Sen. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. John "Sam" Rose (R)
Rep. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: None.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE HEARING ON SB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SENATOR AKLESTAD informed the SB 272 conference committee that SENATOR VAN VALKENBURG could not be present and that SENATOR WILSON was replacing him.

SENATOR AKLESTAD indicated that there apparently was some trouble getting SB 272 passed in the House with the conference committee action.

REPRESENTATIVE ROSE questioned putting a sunset of 1999 on SB 272.

SENATOR AKLESTAD said it was done in the Senate because the Department of Revenue convinced the Senate Taxation Committee members that they wanted to make sure if there was a real rush of people coming in, this bill could be reevaluated at the sunset. He added that although that was not his view, he went along with the Committee's decision in an attempt to compromise and get the bill passed out. He explained that a conference committee would not be able to take Senate amendments off the bill without going to a free conference committee, and it was his desire to only put the retroactive provision back in the bill.

SENATOR WILSON concurred with the retroactive provision being reinstated.

In response to a question from **REPRESENTATIVE MCCULLOCH**, **SENATOR AKLESTAD** indicated that the House amended the bill to take the retroactive clause out, and the conference committee would reinsert the retroactive clause.

When questioned by **SENATOR AKLESTAD** if the conference committee members could sign the conference committee report, all members were in agreement.

REPRESENTATIVE ROSE indicated his willingness to talk to House members regarding this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:50 P.M.



SEN. GARY C. AKLESTAD, Chairman



LYNN STALEY, Secretary

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