

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on January 23, 1997, at 8:00 AM, in Room 104.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bruce T. Simon, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Robert J. "Bob" Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Rod Marshall (R)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)  
Rep. Carolyn M. Squires (D)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Maly, Legislative Services Division  
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 238; HB 266; HB 262  
(1/15/97)  
Executive Action: HB 238; HB 275; HB 232; HB  
180; HB 281; HB 287; HB 241

**HEARING ON HB 238**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. RAY PECK, H.D. 91 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .5; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Pyfer, Sr. Vice Pres. MT Credit Unions.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: None.}

Myrtle White, Pres. and CEO Treasure State Credit Union.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

Kathy Briggs, Health Federal Credit Union.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.8; Comments: None.}

Jim McLee, Government Employees Credit Union.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.4; Comments: None.}

Fran Sommerfield, Miles City Credit Union.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Peck closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.3; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, H. D. 64 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 118.6; Approx. Time Count: None; Comments:

Proponents' Testimony:

John Brown, Building Codes Bureau, Dept. of Commerce.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.7; Comments: None.}

Duane Steinmetz, Member of Board of Plumbers. EXHIBIT 2 and 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.7; Comments: None.}

John Forkan, Mt. Plumbers and Pipefitters.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.3; Comments: None.}

Jerry Driscoll, MT Construction and Trades Council.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.8; Comments: None.}

Ron Van Diest, Mt. Electrician Licensing Board.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.4; Comments: None.}

Don Halverson, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #459.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.7; Comments: None.}

**Dan Chance, MT Building Assn.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.4; Comments: None.}

**Darrel Holzer, AFL-CIO.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.9; Comments: None.}

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**Jim Kembel, City of Billings.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.4; Comments: None.}

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.7; Comments: None.}

**Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Cocchiarella closed.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.6; Comments: None.}

**HEARING ON HB 262**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOE BARNETT, H.D. 32**

introduced the bill. **EXHIBIT 4.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 34.2; Comments: None.}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Keith Colby, Ex. Secretary of MT Ind. Bankers**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 39.4; Comments: None.}

**John Cadby, Mt. Bankers Assn.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.9; Comments: None.}

**Don Hutchinson, Dept. of Commerce.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.3; Comments: None.}

**Tom Ellis, Norwest Bank System.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.5; Comments: None.}

**Curt Sundquist, People Bank in Deer Lodge.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.1; Comments: None.}

**Opponents' Testimony: None.**

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.3; Comments: None.}

**Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Barnett closed.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.9; Comments: None.}

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 238**

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES MOVED HB 238 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.3; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275

Motion: REP. EWER MOVES HB 275 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.4; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: None.}

VOTE; Motion failed on Roll Call Vote 15-4. EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.9; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER MOVED HB 275 TABLE. Motion carried 18-1. REP. EWER voted against.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 232

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH MOVED HB 232 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 180

Motion: REP. DEVANEY MOVED HB 180 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.7; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER MOVED TO ADOPT BOHLINGER AMENDMENTS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.0; Comments: None.}

Motion//Vote: REP. DEVANEY MOVED HB 180 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 15-4. REPS. EWER, SQUIRES, PROUSE and TREXLER voted against.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 281

Motion: REP. SQUIRES MOVED HB 281 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.7; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.1; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 287

Motion: REP. GILLAN MOVED HB 287 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. GILLAN MOVED TO ADOPT GILLAN AMENDMENTS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.6; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS MOVED HB 287 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 241

Motion: REP. SQUIRES MOVED HB 241 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.4; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH MOVES TO ADOPT KOTTEL AMENDMENTS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.7; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.2; Comments: None.}


Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES MOVES HB 241 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried roll call vote 11-8. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:42 AM

  
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Rep. Bruce F. Simon, Chairman

  
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Patti O'Reilly, Secretary

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