

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on February 12, 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. 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: Rep. Bitney

Members Absent: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 478; HB 470; HB 473
(2/6/97) HB 185 (1/29/97)
Executive Action: HB 185; HB 349; HB 470; HB
478;

HEARING ON HB 478

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Wiseman, H. D. 41 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Greg VanHorrssen, State Farm Insurance

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

Charles Brooks, MT Ind. Glass Dealers Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.5; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Wiseman closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.5; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 470

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. HEAVY RUNNER, H.D. 85 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1,2,5

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Phil Campbell, MEA

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

Roger Helmer, Browning Supt. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.2; Comments: None.}

Lance Melton, MT School Board Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.1; Comments: None.}

Don Waldron, MT Rural Education Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.7; Comments: None.}

Loren Fraser, School Administrators of MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: None.}

Jerry Pauli, Supt of Thompson Falls. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.5; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: None}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Heavy Runner closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 478

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved do pass HB 478. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 470

Motion/Vote: Rep. Stovall moved do pass HB 470. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.0; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 185

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bergsagel, H.D. 95 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.; Comments: None.}

MOTION: Rep. Sliter moved to take HB 185 from Table. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.8; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Chuck Merja, MT Farmers Group. EXHIBIT 8.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.0; Comments: None.}

Robert Bold, Winifred-MT Graingrowers. EXHIBIT 7.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 43.0; Comments: None.}

Ralph Peck, MT Dept of Agriculture, Director

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: None.}

Beth O'Halleron, State Auditors Office

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.4; Comments: None.}

Rep. Devaney and Rep. Stovall

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.0; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Bergsagel did not close.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count:10.2; Comments: Balance of side 2 is blank.}

HEARING ON HB 473

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ellingson, H.D. 65 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Frank Cote, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State Auditors' Office

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.4; Comments: None.}

Barbara Booher, MT Nurses Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Tonya Ask, Blue Cross-Blue Shield. EXHIBIT 9

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: None.}

Tom Hopgood, Health Ins. of America

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.6; Comments: None.}

Don Allen, MT Med. Benefits Plan

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.8; Comments: None.}

Tom Edger, Yellowstone Comm. Health Plan

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.6; Comments: None.}

Jerry Driscoll, MT Assn. Life Underwriters

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.8; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.2; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ellingson closed.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussion: Rep. Trexler gave committee report on Occupational and Professional licensing. EXHIBIT 10.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.9; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Trexler moved for committee bill dealing with licensing. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.6; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 349

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ewer moved to take HB 349 from Table. Motion failed roll call vote 9-10. **EXHIBIT 11.**
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185

Motion: Rep. Stovall moved do pass HB 185.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved to adopt Bergsagel amendments. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.6; Comments: None.}

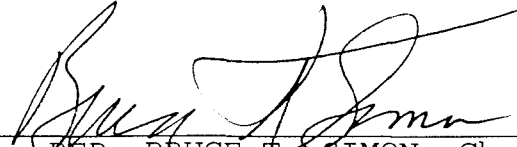
Motion: Rep. Devaney moved do pass HB 185 as amended.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: None.}

Discussion:
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 30.5; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion to do pass carried unanimously.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 am



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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