

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on February 13, 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 492; HB 488; (2/7/97) HB
500; HB 513; (2/10/97)
Executive Action: HB 309

HEARING ON HB 492

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Hal Harper, H. D. 52
introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .9; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jan Day, Helena

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.2; Comments: None.}

Mary Evenson, Helena Public School

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: None.}

Wendy Wheeler, Helena

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: None.}

Duke Penner, Vice Chairman of Helena School Dist. 21.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.2; Comments: None.}

Beth Ille, Townsend, MT

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

Julie Ippolitto, CAGE. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.9; Comments: None.}

Ellen Engstead, Don't Gamble with the Future. EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.0; Comments: None.}

Rep. Masolo

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: None.}

Mary Caudell, Helena resident

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mark Staples, Mt. Tavern Assn

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.5; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.7; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harper closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.7; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 500

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Keenan, H. D. 75 introduced
the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.2; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Allen Newell, Missoula Businessman. EXHIBITS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.7; Comments: None.}

Regina Cromer, Clancy, MT. EXHIBIT 8

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.0; Comments: None.}

Kelly Paster, Empire Office

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.2; Comments: None.}

Doug Lowery, Ins. Agent

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.8; Comments: None.}

Bob Billings, Helena, MT

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.4; Comments: None.}

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Ind. Businessman

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.7; Comments: None.}

Sue Wingartner, MT Solid Waste Assn. EXHIBIT 9.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.1; Comments: None.}

Brad Griffin, MT Retail Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: None.}

Mike Nagle, Brokerage Firm

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.9; Comments: None.}

Tom Little, Administrator, Heritage Comm. Contractors

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.5; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Ann Keenan, MSU, Business Adm.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: None.}

Dave Lewis, Governors Office, Budget Director

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 32.9; Comments: None.}

Richard Krups, CEO-Higher Ed. EXHIBIT 10,11,12

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 37.4; Comments: None.}

Alec Capeville, Dean College of Tech, Helena,

{Tape: 2; Side:1; Approx. Time Count: 2.0; Comments: None.}

Bob Righam, U of M. EXHIBIT 13, 14, 15, 16

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

Chris Fiest, Student Pres. MT Tech

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: None.}

Jerome Fritz, MSU

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: None.}

Susanne Wang, MSU Tech

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.3; Comments: None.}

Jason Fillmore, U ofM

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.9; Comments: None.}

George Dennison, U of M

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.6; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Mark Eichols, Procurement and Printing

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.4; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.5; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Keenan closed. EXHIBIT 17,18,19,20

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 488

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ream, H.D. 69 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Tara Malee, MT Public Int. Group. EXHIBIT 21, 22, 23

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.1; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

John Cadby, MT Bankers Assn. EXHIBIT 24

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.3; Comments: None.}

Dave Lewis, Data Processing, 1st Interstate and MT Bankers Assn.

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

Peter Van Nice

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .5; Comments: None.}

Tom Ellis, Pres. Norwest Bank

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.5; Comments: None.}

Keith Colbo, MT Bankers

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: None.}

Jim Kennedy, Wellington Treas.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.0; Comments: None.}

John MrGreavey, ATM of Missoula owner

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.1; Comments: None.}

Bud Williams, MT Innkeepers

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ream closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.5; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 513

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Ryan H. D. 44 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.8; Comments: None}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jerry Langdorf, MT Medical Assn.

{Tape:3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.0; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Thelma McCluskey, EXHIBIT 26.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.4; Comments: None.}

Nancy Cobble-EXHIBIT 25.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count:.1; Comments: None.}

Jeff Folsom, SW Montana

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.4; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Ryan closed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.2; Comments: None.}

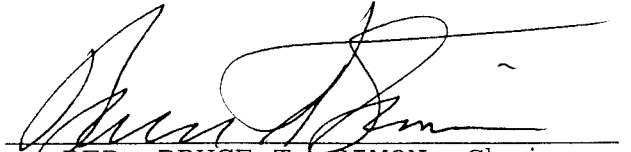
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 309

Motion/Vote: Rep. Pavlovich moved to Table HB 309. Motion passed unanimously.

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 AM



REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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