

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN PAUL SLITER**, on March 7, 1997, at  
8:00 AM, in Room 104.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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. 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. Simon and Rep. Ewer

**Members Absent:**

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 104; SB 88; HB 249  
(2/19/97)  
Executive Action: SB 104

HEARING ON HB 249

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb, H. D. 50 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

Verner Bertalsen, MT Senior Citizens Assn.

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

Don Judge, AFL-CIO

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.8; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.9; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen Beck, S. D. 28 introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Hutchinson, Banking Commission, Dept of Commerce

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

John Cadby, MT Bankers Assn.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.5; Comments: None.}

Keith Colbo, MT Independent of Bankers

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Beck closed. Rep. Devaney to carry.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Beck, S. D. 28 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.8; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Peter Blouke, Dir. Dept of Commerce

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

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.1; Comments: None.}

Gene Vuckovich, MT Rural Development. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.9; Comments: None.}

Maureen Reid, MT. Board of Housing

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

Tim Burton, Chief Administrator of Lewis and Clark County.

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

Nick Close, MT Rural Water Systems

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.0; Comments: None.}

Jim Kimbel, City of Billings

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.7; Comments: None.}

Curt Larson, Helena Area Habitat for Humanities, EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.8; Comments: None.}

Glen Johnson, Habitat Humanities for Montana

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 42.7; Comments: None.}

Paul Torok, Seeley Lake-EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

Bob Broadway, Sun Prairie Village Water and Sewer Services.

EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .9; Comments: None.}

Glen Morin. Dir. Seeley Lake Sewer Dist. EXHIBIT 2.

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

Gloria Paladichuck, Richland County

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.2; Comments: None.}

J. C. Yardley, Double Tree Inn

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

Roger Foster, Morrison-Mairele Engineering

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.8; Comments: None.}

Susan Meyer, City of Kalispell

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

Bob Phillips, MSE-HKM Const, Inc. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.6; Comments: None.}

Dan McCauley, engineer

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.8; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Beck closed. Rep. Ahner to carry

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 38.3; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 104

Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved do concur SB 104. Motion carried 16-1. Rep. Sliter voted no. Reps. Simon and Ewer absent. Rep. Devaney to carry.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:48 AM



REP. PAUL SLITER, Chairman



PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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