

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON, on March 14, 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: SB 116; SB 34; SB 193; SB 148;  
(2/25/97) HB 598 (3/6/97)  
Executive Action: SB 148; SB 34; SB 116; SB 67;  
HB 150; HB 305

HEARING ON SB 148

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Bishop, S. D. 9 introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Ron Van Diest, Chairman State Electrical Board.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: None.}

Jerry Driscoll, MT Building Trades

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

Lloyd Davison, IBEW #233

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.2; Comments: None.}

Darrel Holzer, AFL-CIO

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.0; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Bishop closed. Rep. Pavlovich to carry in the house.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Ken Miller, S. D. 11 introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Allen, Mr. Electrical Contractors. Exhibit 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.7; Comments: None.}

Doug Brecker, Townsend Electric

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.3; Comments: None.}

Jim Karls, Billings Electrician

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

Jim Wilson, Billings Electrician

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.0; Comments: None.}

Jack McClary, MT Electrical Contractors, EXHIBIT 2

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: None.}

Max Griffin, Action Electric

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.0; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Lloyd Davison, IBEW Local 233

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

Darrell Holzer, AFL-CIO

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.5; Comments: None.}

Gary Pemble, Dir. JATC, EXHIBIT 3

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.1; Comments: None.}

Joe Wolf, Polar Electric

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.9; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Miller closed. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.8; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 34Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Linda Nelson, S. D. 49  
introduced the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.2; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Allen, MT Medical Benefits Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.1; Comments: None.}

Claudia Clifford, MT Insurance Dept.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.5; Comments: None.}

Susan Good, MT Assn. of Life Underwriters

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.4; Comments: None.}

Jerry Leondorf, MT Medical Assn.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.5; Comments: None.}

Kate Choleva, MT Womens Lobby

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

Opponents' Testimony: NoneQuestions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .01; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Nelson closed. Rep. Gillan to carry.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.3 : None.}

HEARING ON SB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Nelson, S. D. 49 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Steve Turkiewicz, MT Auto Dealers

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 91.; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:None

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Nelson closed. Rep. Devaney to carry if passed.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.7; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 598

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Cliff Trexler, H. D. 59 introduced the bill. Rep. Carley Tuss, H. D. 46 addressed the bill.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.5; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Steve Malloy, Dept. of Commerce, Occupational Licensing. EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.5; Comments: None.}

Nigel Menze, Engineers Association, Ex. Dir. Elect

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.1; Comments: None.}

Pat Haffey, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, St of MT

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.8; Comments: None.}

John Shontz, MT Assn. of Realtors

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.3; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Trexler closed.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 148

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pavlovich moved do concur SB 148. Motion carried unanimously.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.2; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 34

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Masolo moved do concur SB 34. Motion carried unanimously.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 116

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Krenzler moved do concur SB 116. Motion carried unanimously.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 67

**Motion:** Rep. Sliter moved do concur SB 67.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.3; Comments: None.}

**Motion:** Rep. Bookout moved to adopt Bookout amendment.  
{Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

**Discussion:** {Tape: 3; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.0; Comments: None.}

**Vote:** Motion failed roll call vote 9-10.  
{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.8; Comments: None.}

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ewer moved to adopt Ewer amendments. Motion carried roll call vote 15-4.  
{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.0; Comments: None.}

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Tropila moved to adopt Johnson amendments. Motion carried roll call vote 11-8.  
{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: None.}

**Motion:** Rep. Devaney moved do concur SB 67 as amended.  
{Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: None.}

**Discussion:** {Tape: 4; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.2; Comments: None.}

**Vote:** Motion carried roll call vote 13-6.  
{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150

Motion/Vote: Rep. Sliter moved to table HB 150. Motion carried on roll call vote 12-7.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 305

Motion/Vote: Rep. Devaney moved Table HB 305. Motion carried 13-6. Reps. Squires, Krenzler, Tuss, Tropila, Pavlovich and Gillon voted no.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.2; Comments: None.}

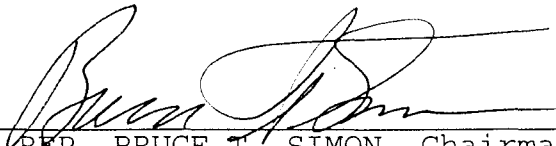
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 164

Motion/Vote: Rep. Stovall moved to reconsider SB 164 and remove from table. Motion failed roll call vote 10-9.

{Tape: 4; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.2; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:59 AM

  
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REP. BRUCE T. SIMON, Chairman

  
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PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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