

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN HERTEL**, on January 19, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 410 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Hertel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Sprague, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dale Berry (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Mary Gay Wells, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: SB 19 Tabled

CHAIRMAN JOHN HERTEL opened the day with remarks about bills being switched. SB 82 was rescheduled for Friday, Jan. 22, 1999.

On Friday, he stated that SB 27 would be worked on concerning all the amendments. The amendments would be acted on Friday. Final action might be taken on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1999.

Exc. Action on SB 115 may be taken on Thursday or Friday.

SENATOR FRED THOMAS mentioned that on that bill there may be an amendment to put a minimum threshold such as 5 employees. The issue is: there is a small business of 10 employees. Five of them are insured under a spouse's policy. The new language says

that these five will be counted as participants. SB 129 will be looked at Thursday or Friday. There is still some negotiations going on that bill.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 19

Motion/Vote: SEN. MCCARTHY moved that SB 19 BE TABLED. Motion carried 6-1 with SEN. SPRAGUE voting no.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 162

There was discussion on this bill but the committee decided to wait till the amendment(s) came forward.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:28 A.M.

SEN. JOHN HERTEL, Chairman

MARY GAY WELLS, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (bus14aad)