

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on March 18, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 367, SB 482, SB 483, SB
484, SB 485, SB 435, SB 409
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Executive Action: SB 483, SB 484, SB 485

HEARING ON SB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Thomas, SD 31 introduced SB 367.

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Proponents' Testimony: Dave Bell, Bell Motors of Cut Bank, MT

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 51 - 98}

Bill Underwriter, Billings area car dealer.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 98 - 151}

Steve Turkowitz, Ex. Vice Pres. Montana Auto Dealers Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 151 - 226}

Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Dealers.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 226 - 240}

Opponents' Testimony: Steve Blankenship, Ford Motor Co.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 240 - 296}

Frank Dunn, Ex. Director of GMC Public Relations.

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Mona Jamison, Alliance of Auto Manufactures. **EXHIBIT**(buh61a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26 - 118}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Sliter, Brown, Krenzler, Pavlovich, Tuss, Bitney, Bookout, Trexler, and Simon questions witnesses.

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Closing by Sponsor: Senator Thomas closed SB 367.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 82 - 199}

HEARING ON SB 482

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Mesaros, SD 25 introduced SB 482.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 199 - 243}

Proponents' Testimony: Don Mann, Mortgage Banker.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 243 - 262}

Bill Eustermann, Inter Mountain Financial Services.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 262 - 290}

Don Hutchinson, Montana Banking Commissioner, Dept of Commerce.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 290 - 304}

Mark Taylor, Montana Mortgage Owners
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 304 - 336}

Steve Snezak, Montana Assn. of Realtors,
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 336 - 350}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Brown, Krenzler, McKenney, Bookout, Ewer, and Simon questions witnesses.
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 350 - 500}
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 232}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Mesaros closed SB 486. Rep. Sliter to carry on the House floor.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 232 - 240}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 483, SB 484, SB 485

Motion/Vote: REP. SLITER moved that SB 483, SB 484, SB 485 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 240 - 290}

HEARING ON SB 435

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Waterman, SD 26 introduced SB 435.
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 290 - 321}

Proponents' Testimony: John Whittsinger of State Bar
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 321 - 410}

Don White, Chief Legal Council, Secretary of State Office
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 410 - 484}

Tim Morrison, Helena Tax Attorney

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 484 - 500}

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 59}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Simon, and Ewer question witnesses.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 59 - 92}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Waterman closed SB 435, Rep. Ewer to carry on house floor.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 92 - 101}

HEARING ON SB 409

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Ellingson, SD 33 introduced SB 409.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 101 - 116}

Proponents' Testimony: Bob Anderson, Commissioner of PSC.

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{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 116 - 188}

Jeff Barr, Montana Environmental Information Center.

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{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 188 - 224}

Gary Willis, Montana Power Co.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 224 - 267}

Deb Smith, National Resources Defense Council, NW Coalition.

EXHIBIT (buh61a05)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 267 - 355}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Lawson, Bookout, Tuss, Pavlovich and McKenney questions witnesses.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 355 - 500}

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Proponents' Testimony: Ron Perry, Commercial Energy of Cut Bank offered amendments and testimony.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10 - 35}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Ellingson closed SB 409.
{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 35 - 65}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:10 P.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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