

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 1, 1999 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 machine and references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) Date Posted: HB 238, HB 239, HB 252, 1/26/1999

HEARING ON HB 238

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Ohs, HD 33, presented HB 238

EXHIBIT(aph25a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 77}

Proponents' Testimony:

Sen. Bob DePratu, SD 40

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 77 - 110}

Sen. Mike Taylor, SD 37

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 145}

Rep. John Mercer, HD 74

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 145 - 170}

Rep. Emily Swanson, HD 30

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 170 - 241}

Mick Robinson, Governor's Office

EXHIBIT(aph25a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 241 - 303}

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce**EXHIBIT**(aph25a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 303 **EXHIBIT**(aph25a04)}

Ralph Peck, Department of Agriculture

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 346 - 366}

Evan Barrett, Montana Economic Development Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 366 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 000}

Arnold Sherman, Montana World Trade Center

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 60}

Chuck Merja, Vision 2005 Task Force Chairman

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 60 - 81}

Dick Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 81 - 92}

Cathy Conover, Montana State University

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 92 - 134}

Kenneth Maki, Montana Farmers Union

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 134 - 147}

Richard Kroft, Rocky Mountain Trade Corridor

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 147 - 163}

Terry Abelis, Montana Ambassadors

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 163 - 179}

Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 179 - 204}

Mark Peterson, Montana Pulse Growers

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 204 - 213}

Gloria Paladichuk, City of Glendive, Richland Economic Development

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 213 - 221}

Gene Vuckovich, Montana Rural Development

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 221 - 243}

Lorna Karn, Montana Farm Bureau

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 243 - 248}

Sheila Stearns, Chancellor, Western Montana College

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 248 - 261}

David Sagular, Montana Agricultural Business Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 261 - 266; Comments : last name may be misspelled; visitor register illegible.}

Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman-Kalispell Chambers of Commerce and Montana Wood Products

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 266 - 275}

Bob Gilbert, Montana Wool Growers and Montana Dairy Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 275 - 286; Comments : Tim Hulls, President of Montana Dairy Association also wished to be listed as a proponent.}

Arla Jean Murray, Montana Cattlewomens' Association

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 286 - 291}

Merlin Boxwell, Cut Bank

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 291 - 299}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 299 - Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 217}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 217 - 270}

HEARING ON HB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Doug Mood, HD 58, presented HB 252. **EXHIBIT**(aph25a05)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 270 - 342; Comments : Exhibits 5 and 6 were given without oral testimony.}

EXHIBIT(aph25a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 342 - 364}

Bob Taylor, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center **EXHIBIT**(aph25a07)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 364 - 482; Comments : Referenced a Bozeman Chronicle article.}

Sen. Bob DePratu, SD 40

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 482 - Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter: 003}

Rep. Karl Ohs, HD 33

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3 - 10}

Ralph Kloser, Department of Commerce, Director of Montana Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

EXHIBIT(aph25a08)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10 - 110}

Ralph Peck, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 110 - 136}

Toni Broadbent, Vice President, SBDC

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 136 - 150}

Jenny Stickley, Montana Stockgrowers

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 150 - 187; Comments : Addressed Sections 9, 10 & 11 of the bill.}

Roger Baker, Butte

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 187 - 209; Comments : Specifically supported section 5, the "SBDC portion of the bill."}

Richard Kroft, Rocky Mountain Trade Corridor

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 209 - 306}

Kerry Shaefer, General Mills

EXHIBIT (aph25a09)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 306 - 340}

Tim Hulls, President, Montana Dairy Association

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 340 - 422}

Chuck Merja, Montana Grain Growers

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 422 - Side : B; Approx. Time Counter: 002}

Margaret Catcher, Department of Commerce, Stained Glass Business

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2 - 31}

Connie Daniels, Director, Economic Development Planner Headwaters
RcD, Butte

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 31 - 48}

Eric Pierce, Belgrade, Big Sky Carvers, Manhattan

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 48 - 79}

Keith Tokerud, Montana District Export Council

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 79 - 100}

Robin Hampton, Administrator, Montana Micro Business Program

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 174; Comments : Spoke specifically to Section 8 of the bill.}

Mark Maki, Department of Labor and Industry

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 174 - 233; Comments : Spoke to Section 7 of the bill.}

Bud Leuthold, Owner, Cream of the West

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 233 - 274; Comments : Rep. Vick took the chair in chairman's absence.}

Jaquy Christiensen, Doctor Down, Inc.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 274 - 332}

Greg Rauschendorfer, member, Vision 2005

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 332 - Tape : 4; Side:
A; Approx. Time Counter : 000}

Bruce Tutvedt, Montana Mint Committee

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 24}

Thad Willis, Farm Bureau, Big Sandy

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 38}

Tom McKerlick, Business Development Manager, Big Sky Development

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 38 - ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph25a10)}

Walter Schweitzer, Ledger, Montana

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 69 - 173}

Jim Smitham, Montana Economic Developers

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 173 - 190}

Terry Abelin, Montana Ambassadors

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 190 - 204}

Mark Peterson, Montana Pulse Growers

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 204 - 209}

Todd Daniels, Kessler Brewing Company

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 209 - 238}

John Holst, Hi Country Snack Foods

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 238 - 310}

Harold Clarke, President, Montana Mint Growers Association

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 310 - 334}

Gene Vuckovich, Montana Rural Development Partners

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 334 - 388}

Ken Maki, President, Montana Farmers Union

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 388 - 419}

Evan Barrett, Montana Economic Development Association (MEDA)

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 419 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 025} ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph25a11)

Merlin Boxwell, Past President, Grain Growers

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25 - 32}

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, HD 95

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 32 - 46}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 46 - 346}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 346 - Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 000}

HEARING ON HB 239

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Carley Tuss, HD 46 presented HB 239.

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 40}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 40 - 53}

Sen. DePratu, SD 40

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 40 - 56}

Evan Barrett, MEDA

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 56 - 60}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 60 - 161}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 5; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 161 - 165; Comments: Exhibits 12, 13, and 14 received 2/2/99.}

EXHIBIT(aph25a12)

EXHIBIT(aph25a13)

EXHIBIT(aph25a14)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:00 P.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph25aad)