

The Economic Affairs Interim Committee took the following actions at its June 24, 2005, meeting:

- elected Rep. Jim Keane chair and Sen. Don Steinbeisser as vice chair;
- requested a letter be sent to Gov. Schweitzer to appoint members to the Montana Equity Capital Investment Board created by SB 133 and to find money within the governor's office or the Department of Commerce to fund the first meeting (a letter in your packet to Carroll South at the Board of Investments explains some of the background on this);
- approved the committee work plan, the two study work plans, and the meeting dates as proposed;
- decided that the member issues to be discussed during meetings would include the following:
 - energy (resource development or transmission, perhaps in conjunction with the Energy Interim Committee)
 - workers' compensation concerns
 - capital formation issues related to economic development
 - uninsured motorist concerns
 - differences between state and local workforce investment implementation;
- requested a synopsis of all rules of agencies monitored by the EAIC be sent before each meeting;
- appointed Rep. Milburn and Rep. Keane as State Fund liaisons under SB 61;
- appointed Rep. McGillvray and Sen. Hansen to the Rail Service Competition Council;
- agreed to send a letter to the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Committee to request monitoring responsibility for the State Fund (as has happened in the last 3 interims). State Fund is under the purview of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Committee but EAIC does all other work comp and has traditionally included State Fund.

The next EAIC meeting is September 9, 2005.