

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on March 31, 2005 at 8:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 24, 3/24/2005; SB 466,
3/24/2005; SB 380, 3/24/2005
Executive Action: SJ 24, SB 466, SB 217

HEARING ON SJ 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on **SJ 24**,
Designate Rotary day.
00:01:04

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:02:01

HEARING ON SB 466

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on **SB 466**, Revise
mortgage and deed of trust laws.
00:02:42

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:26 Robert Sewell, Land Title Association
00:09:23 Leanne Fenski, Stewart Title Guarantee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:37

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:14

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 24

Motion/Vote: REP. HEINERT moved that SJ 24 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. GALLIK, ROBERTS, STAHL, VILLA, WINDY BOY voted by proxy. REP. STAHL to carry.

Motion/Vote: REP. HEINERT moved that SJ 24 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. GALLIK, ROBERTS, STAHL, VILLA, WINDY BOY voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 466

Motion: REP. ARNTZEN moved that SB 466 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: REP. ARNTZEN moved that SB 466 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:22:03

[EXHIBIT \(buh68a01\)](#)

Vote: Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with REP. JOPEK voting no. REPS. GALLIK, ROBERTS, STAHL, VILLA, WINDY BOY voted by proxy.

Motion/Vote: REP. ARNTZEN moved that SB 466 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. GALLIK, ROBERTS, STAHL, VILLA, WINDY BOY voted by proxy. REP. HEINERT to carry.

HEARING ON SB 380

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JON TESTER (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 380, Regulate medical care discount cards and pharmacy discount cards.
00:36:55

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:43 Alisha Pichette, State Auditors Office

[EXHIBIT \(buh68a02\)](#)

00:50:54 Boyce Fowler, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT \(buh68a03\)](#)

00:53:08 Frank Cote, Americas Health Insurance Plans

[EXHIBIT \(buh68a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:16

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:02

REPS. GALLIK, STAHL, and VILLA entered the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217

Motion: REP. BERGREN moved that SB 217 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:03:03

Vote: Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with REP. HEINERT, REP. JONES, REP. MCKENNEY, REP. MENDENHALL, REP. MILBURN, REP. ROBERTS, and REP. STAHL voting no. REPS. ROBERTS and WINDY BOY voted by proxy. REP. BERGREN to carry.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:05 P.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh68aad0.PDF](#))