

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on February 7, 2005 at 10:00 A.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. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Llew Jones (R)
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: HB 469, 2/1/2005; HB 466, 2/1/2005
Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 469

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JON SESSO (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on **HB 469**, Revise Medicaid payment laws.

00:02:28

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:45 Mike Calcaterra, Big Sky AMES

EXHIBIT (buh30a01)

00:14:14 Dan Harrington, Harrington Surgical Supply

00:17:45 Janna Jurovich, Jurls medical and Big Sky AMES

EXHIBIT (buh30a02)

00:20:55 Linda Iverson, Big Sky AMES, Kalispell Medical Equipment

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:04 Mary Dalton, Quality Assurance Division

EXHIBIT (buh30a03)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:57

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:03

REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY, HD 32, BOX ELDER entered the meeting

HEARING ON HB 466

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ART NOONAN (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on **HB 466**, Revise workers compensation indemnity benefits.

01:15:37

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:58 George Vaughn, Self, from Lewistown

01:28:54 Jed Fitch, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

EXHIBIT (buh30a04)

01:34:23 Dean Black, Attorney from Helena

01:36:30 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

01:41:15 Darrell Holzer, AFL-CIO

01:42:21 Gene Federson, District Labors Council

Opponents' Testimony:

01:42:43 George Wood, Montana Self Insurers Association
EXHIBIT (buh30a05)
01:48:27 Bob Nammensen, Sletton Construction, Great Falls
01:51:43 Darrell Miller, Miller's Post and Pole in Clancy
01:53:18 Aidan Myhre, Plum Creek
01:54:12 Marvin Jordan, Montana Contractors Compensation
Fund
01:55:27 Bob Worthington, Montana Mutual Insurance
Association
01:56:43 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association
01:58:32 Carl Schweitzer, American Subcontractors
Association
01:59:03 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
01:59:46 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
02:00:17 Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
02:00:48 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business
02:01:26 Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce
02:01:44 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
02:02:22 Rhonda Carpenter, Great Falls and Helena Chamber
of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

02:03:05 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
EXHIBIT (buh30a06)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:05:06

Closing by Sponsor:

02:12:56

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 A.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh30aad0.PDF](#))