

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 7, 2005 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**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: SB 132, 1/4/2005; SJ 3, 1/4/2005;  
SB 99, 1/4/2005; SB 100, 1/4/2005  
Executive Action: SB 132

00:00:00

**HEARING ON SB 132**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. MIKE COONEY (D), SD 40**, opened the hearing on **SB 132**, Repeal independent contractor exemption reporting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:00:50           **Mr. John Northy, Legal Counsel, Legislative Audit Committee**

00:02:24           **Ms. Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:02:52           **Mr. Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

00:03:23

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:46

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 132**

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. TASH** moved that **SB 132 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT** (bus05a01)

00:04:24           Break.

00:29:17           Resume.

00:30:22

**HEARING ON SJ 3**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. JEFF MANGAN (D), SD 12**, opened the hearing on **SJ 3**, Urge governor to pursue seed capital investors.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:33:02           **Ms. Karen Powell, State Auditor's Office**

00:36:23           **Mr. Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic  
Development Corporation**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:38:09

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:08

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:38

**HEARING ON SB 99**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. JEFF MANGAN (D), SD 12,** opened the hearing on **SB 99,** Revise deferred deposit lender act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:54:45           **Ms. Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking and  
Financial Institutions, Department of  
Administration**

00:58:30           **Mr. Bernie Harrington, Montana Financial Service  
Centers Association**

00:59:15           **Mr. Riley Johnson, Community Financial Services  
Association of America**

01:00:11           **Mr. Mark Staples, Consumer Loans of America**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

01:00:55

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:10:02

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:11:35

**HEARING ON SB 100**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. JEFF MANGAN (D), SD 12**, opened the hearing on **SB 100**, Revise state title loan act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

1:13:25           **Ms. Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking and  
Financial Institutions, Department of  
Administration**

01:14:40           **Mr. Mark Staples, Consumer Loans of America**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

01:16:03

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:01

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus05aad0.PDF](#))**