

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 29, 2007
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, 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: HJR 51, 3/26/2007; SB 204,
3/27/2007; SB 321, 3/27/2007; SB
465, 3/26/2007
Executive Action: SB 74; SB 204; SB 465

HEARING ON SB 465

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:54 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 465, Exempt state fund from ITSD requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:43 Laurence Hubbard, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Montana State Fund

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:54 Dick Clark, Chief Information Officer, Department of Administration

EXHIBIT (buh67a01)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:06 Rep. Keane
00:12:05 Mr. Hubbard
00:13:42 Rep. Mendenhall
00:14:19 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:18:17 Rep. Arntzen
00:18:47 Mr. Hubbard
00:20:12 Rep. Furey
00:21:11 Mr. Clark
00:24:04 Rep. Dutton
00:24:33 Mr. Clark

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:59 Sen. Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 204

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:14 Sen. Don Ryan (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 204, Prevent insurer from requiring repairs or estimates from certain business.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:00 Donna Fastenau, Hank's Body Shop, Billings, Montana; Montana Collision Repair Specialists

00:38:31 Bruce Halcro, Capital Collision, Montana Collision
Repair Specialists

[EXHIBIT \(buh67a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(buh67a03\)](#)

00:41:25 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurance Company of
America

00:43:49 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:30 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:23 Rep. Keane

00:46:54 Ms. Lenmark

00:49:05 Rep. Dutton

00:49:39 Mr. Kibbee

00:50:57 Ms. Fastenau

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:57 Sen. Ryan

HEARING ON HJR 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:27 Rep. Arlene Becker (D), HD 52, opened the hearing on
HJR 51, Study economic status of Montana women.

[EXHIBIT \(buh67a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:32 Rep. Diane Sands, HD 95

01:05:52 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman

01:09:11 Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Governor's Office

01:10:26 Linda Gryczan, Montana Women's Lobby

[EXHIBIT \(buh67a05\)](#)

01:13:29 Terry Kendrick, Montana Women Vote; and Working for
Equity and Economic Liberation

01:14:39 Jodi Medlar, Women's Foundation of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:16:02 Tyler Turner, Department of Labor and Industry
01:16:41 Linda Davis, State Equal Employment Officer, Department
of Administration
01:17:06 Katherine Kountz, Montana Human Rights Bureau,
Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:36 Rep. Dutton
01:18:18 Mr. Turner
01:19:24 Rep. Van Dyk
01:20:25 Rep. Sands
01:25:47 Rep. Reinhart
01:26:42 Rep. Sands
01:30:50 Rep. Reinhart
01:31:13 Ms. Kountz
01:32:11 Rep. Arntzen
01:33:33 Rep. Sands
01:35:01 Rep. Augare
01:35:22 Rep. Sands
01:37:09 Rep. Furey
01:37:45 Rep. Sands
01:39:02 Ms. Kendrick
01:40:08 Rep. Dutton
01:41:03 Ms. Kendrick
01:42:08 Rep. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:54 Rep. Becker

HEARING ON SB 321

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:30 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on
SB 321, Authorize business and industrial development
corporations.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:50 Jeff Batton, Montana Growth Capital
[EXHIBIT \(buh67a06\)](#)
01:59:13 Rep. Brady Wiseman, HD 65

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:03:00 Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking and Financial
Institutions

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:03:24 Rep. Reinhart
02:03:51 Sen. Brueggeman
02:04:16 Rep. Reinhart
02:04:31 Mr. Batton
02:06:21 Rep. Augare
02:06:38 Mr. Batton
02:10:09 Rep. Augare
02:10:43 Sen. Brueggeman
02:13:31 Rep. Dutton
02:13:54 Mr. Batton
02:20:47 Rep. Mendenhall
02:21:44 Mr. Batton
02:25:54 Rep. Mendenhall
02:26:12 Sen. Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

02:27:55 Sen. Brueggeman
02:29:56 Break

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 74

02:48:17 **Motion:** Rep. Thomas moved that SB 74 **BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:48:25 Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking and Financial
Institutions
02:49:50 Rep. Mendenhall
02:50:00 Ms. Goodwin
02:50:40 Rep. Dutton
02:52:00 Ms. Goodwin
02:52:19 Mr. Campbell

02:53:28 **Motion:** Rep. Thomas moved that SB 74 **BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (buh67a07)

Discussion:

02:53:50 Rep. Reinhart

02:53:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Windy Boy, Milburn, and Heinert voted by proxy.

02:54:53 **Motion:** Rep. Thomas moved that SB 74 **BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (buh67a08)

Discussion:

02:55:00 Rep. Boggio
02:55:24 Mr. Campbell
02:56:15 Rep. Arntzen
02:56:30 Rep. Reinhart
02:57:24 Rep. Keane

02:57:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Windy Boy, Milburn, and Heinert voted by proxy.

02:58:26 **Motion:** Rep. Thomas moved that SB 74 **BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:58:42 Rep. Keane
02:58:57 Rep. Augare
02:59:16 Rep. Milburn

03:00:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Windy Boy and Heinert voted by proxy. Rep. Keane will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 204

03:01:22 **Motion:** Rep. Klock moved that SB 204 **BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

03:01:38 Rep. Arntzen
03:02:14 Rep. Keane
03:03:09 Rep. Mendenhall

03:03:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Windy Boy and Heinert voted by proxy. Rep. Klock will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 465

03:04:11 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that SB 465 **BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

03:04:36 Rep. Arntzen

03:05:05 Rep. Keane

03:06:19 Rep. Milburn

03:06:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Windy Boy and Heinert voted by proxy. Rep. McNutt will carry the bill.

Additional Exhibit:

Document pertaining to HB 417; Hearing 03/23/2007

EXHIBIT (buh67a09)

ADJOURNMENT

03:07:07 Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh67aad.pdf](#))