

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 6, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, 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 331, 1/31/2007; SB 254,
1/31/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:11:46 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 331

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:25 **SEN. STEVEN GALLUS (D), SD 37**, opened the hearing on **SB 331**, Eliminate credit scoring for auto insurance.

EXHIBIT (bus26a01)

Proponents:

00:15:07 Erin McGowan-Fincham, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

00:16:09 Derf Johnson, Montana Auto Coalition Group

Opponents:

00:18:29 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:19:27 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)

00:19:45 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA)

00:24:54 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Companies

00:26:17 Brian Coleman, Farmers Insurance Agent

00:27:27 Frank Cote, Farmers Union Insurance Company of Great Falls

00:29:45 Mary Allen, Montana Insurance Financial Advisors

00:30:21 Roger McGlenn, Executive Director of Independent Insurance Agents of Montana

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:24 Sen. Jackson to Sen. Gallus

00:32:52 Sen. Jackson to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:37:06 Sen. Ryan to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance
Company

00:37:54 Sen. Ryan to Erin McGowan-Fincham, SAO

00:39:35 Sen. Cocchiarella to Erin McGowan-Fincham, SAO

00:40:02 Sen. Ryan to Frank Cote, Farmers Union Insurance
Company of Great Falls

00:46:07 Sen. Balyeat to Frank Cote, Farmers Union Insurance
Company of Great Falls

00:49:04 Sen. Cocchiarella to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm
Insurance Company

00:52:05 Sen. Cocchiarella to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm
Insurance Company

00:53:32 Roger McGlenn, Executive Director of Independent
Insurance Agents of Montana

00:56:54 Sen. Squires to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance
Company

01:00:13 Sen. Jackson to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance
Company

01:01:44 Sen. Cocchiarella to Brian Coleman, Farmers Insurance
Agent

01:04:38 Sen. Cocchiarella to Erin McGowan-Fincham, SAO

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:11 Sen. Gallus

01:13:21 Break

01:20:12 Back from break

HEARING ON SB 254

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:20:56 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 254**, Require collective bargaining neutrality agreement in state services contracts.

EXHIBIT (bus26a02)

Proponents:

01:23:57 Terry Minow, MEA-MFT

EXHIBIT (bus26a03)

01:27:08 Jackie Helt, Executive Secretary, AFL-CIO

01:27:39 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190 and Montana Nurses Association

01:30:49 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 237

01:32:24 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association, Inc. (MPEA)

Opponents:

01:33:54 Margaret Morgan, Treasurer, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors (MIEC)

01:37:58 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

01:39:29 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:40:48 Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers Communication

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:23 Sen. Larson to Margaret Morgan, MIEC

01:44:46 Sen. Esp to Sen. Wanzanried

01:48:34 Sen. Squires to Sen. Wanzanried

01:49:39 Sen. Squires to Terry Minnow, MEA-MFT

01:52:03 Sen. Squires to Margaret Morgan, MIEC
01:55:04 Sen. Brown to Sen. Wanzenried
01:57:03 Sen. Ryan to Sen. Wanzenried
01:57:44 Sen. Ryan to Terry Minnow, MEA-MFT
01:59:42 Sen. Ryan to Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190, and
Montana Nurses Association
02:01:25 Sen. Jackson to Sen. Wanzenried
02:03:29 Sen. Jackson to Tom Schneider, MPEA
02:05:57 Sen. Esp to Sen. Wanzenried

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:59 Sen. Wanzenried

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:05 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

VC/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus26aad.pdf](#))