

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 9, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317-B 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 355, 1/31/2007; SB 319,
2/7/2007; SB 434, 2/7/2007; SB 380,
1/31/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:34:58 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:49 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED** (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on **SB 355**, Unemployment for certain school employees between terms.

Proponents:

00:40:04 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association, and Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:43:23 Janet Baum, Billings Classified Employees

00:47:58 Jerry Rukavina, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:50:57 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

00:52:46 Jackie Helt, Local 427

00:53:19 Jerry Driscoll, Self

Opponents:

00:56:33 Theresia LeSueur, Montana Schools Unemployment Insurance Program (MSUIP)

EXHIBIT (bus29a01)

Informational Testimony:

01:01:41 Don Gilbert, Unemployment Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:09 Sen. Larson to Theresia LeSueur, MSUIP

01:04:58 Sen. Ryan to Theresia LeSueur, MSUIP

01:06:29 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Wanzenried

01:10:31 Sen. Squires to Sen. Wanzenried

01:13:57 Sen. Smith to Sen. Wanzenried
01:14:40 Sen. Smith to Don Gilbert, DLI
01:18:37 Sen. Steinbeisser to Sen. Wanzenried
01:19:24 Sen. Squires to Sen. Wanzenried
01:20:02 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Wanzenried
01:20:44 Sen. Cocchiarella to Terry Minow, MEA-MFT
01:21:39 Eric Berk, MEA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:14 Sen. Wanzenried

EXHIBIT (bus29a02)

Vice Chair Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:57 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47**, opened the hearing on **SB 319**, Allow real estate agent to represent multiple sellers or buyers.

Proponents:

01:26:19 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
01:28:44 Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
01:32:14 Vickie Hammond, Real Estate Broker (Broker)

EXHIBIT (bus29a03)

01:36:46 Zane Sullivan, Attorney
01:40:03 Al Luther, Broker

Opponents:

01:42:49 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers' Association

Informational Testimony:

01:47:08 Grace Berger, Business and Occupational Licensing
Bureau (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:26 Sen. Esp to Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
01:49:37 Sen. Ryan to Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
02:00:48 Sen. Jackson to Vickie Hammond, Broker
02:04:43 Sen. Esp to Vickie Hammond, Broker
02:06:39 Sen. Esp to Grace Burger, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:25 Sen. Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 434

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:22:30 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA** (D), SD 47, opened the hearing
on **SB 434**, Licensure and regulation for marriage and
family therapists.

Proponents:

02:25:29 Don Hargrove, Montana Association of Marriage and
Family Therapists

EXHIBIT (bus29a04)

02:32:02 Elaine Maronick, Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)
02:35:54 BJ Harrold, MFT
02:38:50 Scott Davies, MFT
02:44:25 Mark Oddel, MFT

Opponents:

02:47:23 Mary McCue, Montana Chapter of National Association of
Social Workers (MT. Ch. NASW)

02:54:24 Gloria Hermanson, Licensed Professional Clinical
Advisors

EXHIBIT (bus29a05)

Informational Testimony:

02:56:22 Lisa Addington, Bureau Chief of Health Care Licencing,
Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

02:56:52 Cindy Breen, Program Examiner, DLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:57:16 Sen. Brown to Don Brown, Montana Association of
Marriage and Family Therapists

03:00:01 Sen. Brown to Mark Oddel, MFT

03:02:59 Sen. Brown to Sen. Cocchiarella

03:04:03 Sen. Brown to Mark Oddel, MFT

03:05:45 Sen. Balyeat to Mark Oddel, MFT

03:18:16 Sen. Jackson to Sen. Cocchiarella

03:20:11 Sen. Squires to Sen. Cocchiarella

03:24:08 Sen. Squires to Mary McCue, MT. Ch. NASW

03:27:48 Sen. Ryan to Lisa Addington, DLI

03:28:29 Sen. Ryan to Sen. Cocchiarella

03:33:25 Sen. Smith to Sen. Cocchiarella

03:34:47 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Cocchiarella

Closing by Sponsor:

03:35:40 Sen. Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 380

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:43:45 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA** (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on **SB 380**, Mandatory report of failed drug test for commercial vehicle driver.

Proponents:

03:46:26 Molly Molitor, M.S. Molitor Trucking, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)

EXHIBIT (bus29a06)

03:48:34 Larry Goroski, Dick Irvin Trucking

03:50:21 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

03:50:55 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

03:51:40 Barry "Spook" Stang, MMCA

EXHIBIT (bus29a07)

Opponents:

03:59:17 Dan Flynn, Vice President, MMCA

04:03:03 Harry Payne, Human Resource Director, City of Helena

04:05:23 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 233 (IBEW 233)

04:11:21 Sen. Tropila to Barry "Spook" Stang, MMCA

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

04:06:17 Sen. Larson to Spook Stang, MMCA

Closing by Sponsor:

04:12:23 Sen. Cocchiarella

04:14:51 Vice Chair Sen. Tropila

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:45 P.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

VC/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus29aad.pdf](#))