

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 27, 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. Ralph Heinert (R)
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. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 451, 3/21/2007; SB 480,
3/16/2007; SB 491, 3/16/2007; SB
531, 3/16/2007
Executive Action: SB 480; SB 114; SB 426; SJR 17

HEARING ON SB 491**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:21 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 491, Revise housing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:29 Judy Smith, Homeward, Missoula and Billings, Montana
00:14:16 Gene Leuwer, Rocky Mountain Development Council
00:19:05 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors
00:20:26 Terry Kendrick for Sheila Rice, Montana Homeownership Network

EXHIBIT (buh65a01)

00:21:36 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition
00:22:32 Del Lonnquist, Volunteer Advocate, AARP

EXHIBIT (buh65a02)

00:23:27 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equity and Economic Liberation

EXHIBIT (buh65a03)

00:24:38 Betty Christianson
00:27:02 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:27:25 Bruce Brensdal, Department of Commerce
EXHIBIT (buh65a04)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:03 Rep. Reinhart
00:29:10 Mr. Brensdal
00:30:51 Rep. Reinhart
00:30:57 Mr. Leuwer
00:34:18 Rep. Arntzen
00:34:41 Mr. Brensdal
00:35:14 Sen. Moss
00:35:39 Ms. Smith
00:36:09 Rep. Dutton
00:39:00 Ms. Smith
00:40:10 Rep. Stahl
00:40:29 Mr. Brensdal

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:00 Sen. Moss

HEARING ON SB 531

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:13 Sen. Dan Weinberg (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 531, Procedure for nonprofit hospital conversion to other status.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:05 Mark Taylor, Montana Hospital Association
00:51:42 Chris Tweeten, Attorney General's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:39 Rep. Dutton
00:59:06 Mr. Taylor
01:00:31 Rep. Boggio
01:00:45 Mr. Tweeten

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:18 Sen. Weinberg

HEARING ON SB 480

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:07 Sen. Greg Lind (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 480, Disclosure of certain data by rental vehicle entities.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:15:32 Frank Cote, Montana Car Rental Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:30 Rep. Reinhart
01:16:44 Sen. Lind

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:58 Sen. Lind

HEARING ON SB 451

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:49 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 451, Liability for cleanup of insured damaged property.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:27 J. D. Lynch, Butte-Silver Bow
01:25:26 Alec Hansen, Montana League of City and Towns
01:29:46 Gordon Morris, Insurance Commissioner's and State Auditor's Office
01:30:59 Mark Cadwallader

Opponents' Testimony:

01:32:35 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance; and for Jacquie Lenmark, American Insurance Association
01:44:14 Frank Cote, Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Company
01:48:22 Dwight Easton, Farmers' Insurance Group
01:50:50 Roger McGlenn, Representing Insurance Agents
01:54:00 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers' Association of America
01:55:09 John Metropoulos, Farmers' Insurance Group
01:57:28 Amy Grmoljez, Montana Bankers' Association
01:58:50 Steve Yeakel, Montana's Independent Bankers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:08 Rep. Keane
01:59:16 Mr. Lynch
02:01:45 Rep. Keane
02:01:51 Mr. Hanson
02:04:27 Rep. Reinhart
02:04:39 Mr. Lynch
02:04:56 Rep. Dutton
02:05:48 Mr. Lynch
02:07:22 Rep. Furey
02:10:31 Mr. Hanson
02:11:10 Rep. Milburn
02:14:41 Mr. Cote

02:16:26 Rep. Klock
02:16:55 Mr. Cote
02:17:57 Rep. Furey
02:18:44 Mr. Cote
02:19:00 Rep. Thomas
02:19:19 Ms. Grmoljez
02:20:51 Rep. Stahl
02:23:50 Mr. Morris
02:24:10 Rep. Keane
02:24:27 Ms. Grmoljez
02:25:27 Rep. Furey
02:30:17 Mr. VanHorssen
02:31:27 Rep. Dutton
02:32:46 Mr. VanHorssen

Closing by Sponsor:

02:33:05 Sen. Harrington
02:38:30 Break

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 480

02:59:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved that SB 480 **BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Furey, Windy Boy, Thomas and Dutton voted by proxy. Rep. Van Dyk will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 114

03:01:50 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that SB 114 **BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

03:02:29 Rep. Keane
03:02:51 Rep. Heinert

03:03:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Heinert will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 426

03:04:31 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that SB 426 **BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

03:04:41 Rep. Stahl
03:07:20 Rep. Milburn

03:07:49 Rep. Furey
03:09:02 Rep. Arntzen
03:09:35 Bart Campbell

03:09:59 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Augare, Furey, Keane, Reinhart, Stahl, Thomas, Van Dyk, and Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 17

03:11:12 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that SJR 17 **BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

03:11:52 Rep. Mendenhall
03:12:46 Rep. Van Dyk
03:14:15 Rep. Furey
03:14:48 Rep. Reinhart
03:15:53 Rep. Dutton

03:17:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Reps. Augare, Furey, Keane, Reinhart, Thomas, Van Dyk, and Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

03:17:57 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Milburn made a substitute motion that SJR 17 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

03:18:20 Adjournment: 11:20 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh65aad.pdf](#))