

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: VICE CHAIRMAN VERDELL JACKSON, on January 20, 2009
at 9 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, 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 207, SB 161, SB 176, 1/14/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:38 **SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42**, opened the hearing on **SB 207**, Salvage vehicle buyers license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:23 Bob Gilbert, Montana Automobile Dismantlers and Recyclers Association (MADRA), Montana Towing Association

00:08:33 Loretta Miller, Owner, Green Meadow Auto Salvage, President of MADRA

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:12 Bruce Spencer, representing PCI Insurance Association, and Copart Auto Auction Yards, Incorporated

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a06\)](#)

00:32:01 Jill Paloni, employee of Copart

00:37:36 Don Kerkart, Owner, Big Sky Auto Transport, Great Falls

00:42:02 Eric Walden, Area Manager, Insurance Auto Auctions (IAA)

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a07\)](#)

00:44:00 Brent Wundrow, Supervisor, IAA, Billings and Missoula

00:45:24 Peter Scott, representing Insurance Auto Auctions

00:50:38 Curt Milledge, local business owner

00:53:55 John Metropoulos, representing Farmers Insurance

00:54:40 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:55:49 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

00:56:30 Wally Thom, Sales Manager, JD Auto, Used Car Sales

Informational Testimony:

00:58:16 Brenda Nordlund, acting Administrator, Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:38 Sen. Brown

01:04:04 Sen. Lewis
01:05:47 Sen. Barkus
01:07:29 Bob Gilbert
01:08:18 Vice Chairman Jackson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:29 Sen. Lewis

01:10:10 Recess
01:41:40 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 161

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:41:49 **SEN. DEBBY BARRETT (R), SD 36**, opened the hearing on **SB 161**, Carbon monoxide detectors in dwellings.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:43:45 Scott Hineman, parent of child who recently died from carbon monoxide poisoning
01:48:07 Robin Balcom, Kalispell mother and friend of family
01:53:37 Pat Clinch, Deputy State Fire Marshall, Department of Justice

EXHIBIT (bus13a08)

01:55:38 Robert Dwyer, Kalispell, Director of Training for Carbon Monoxide Safety Association (COSA)

EXHIBIT (bus13a09)

02:01:22 Ken Mergenthaler, Fire Chief, East Gate Volunteer Fire Department; President, Montana State Firemen's Association

02:02:50 Vice Chairman Jackson left the room.
02:03:09 Chairman Balyeat entered the meeting. Sen. Tropila assumed the chair position as acting chair, since Sen. Balyeat was presenting a bill in another room.

02:03:47 Jim Dusenberry, President West Valley Fire Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:04:35 Dave Cook, Department of Labor

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:26 Sen. Barkus
02:10:06 Mr. Dwyer
02:12:18 Sen. Barkus
02:12:46 Scott Hineman

EXHIBIT (bus13a10)

02:13:34 Sen. Brown
02:13:55 Sen. Tropila
02:14:58 Mr. Dwyer
02:15:30 Sen. Squires
02:17:01 Sen. Barrett
02:18:42 Sen. Squires
02:19:23 Mr. Clinch
02:20:24 Sen. Balyeat
02:23:30 Mr. Cook
02:24:30 Sen. Keane
02:24:35 Mr. Dwyer
02:26:06 Sen. Squires
02:27:00 Vice Chair Tropila
02:27:22 Mr. Dwyer

Closing by Sponsor:

02:28:54 Sen. Barrett

HEARING ON SB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:30:58 **SEN. GARY PERRY (R), SD 35**, opened the hearing on **SB 176**, Exempt persons executing surety bonds from CLE requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:34:46 Scott Restvedt, Vice President, Montana Bail Agents Association

EXHIBIT (bus13a11)

02:40:15 Kelly Reisbeck, Big Sky Bail Bonds, Helena
02:40:32 Paul Jara, Arrow Bail Bonds, Great Falls
02:40:48 John Olson, Glacier Bail Bonds
02:41:16 Earl Rowe, The Bondsman, Missoula
02:41:39 Dan Mc Kinney, Anderson Bonding, Helena
02:41:59 Dave Crow, Belgrade
02:42:09 Robert Ryan, Anderson Bail Bonding

02:42:23 Scott Adams, Bail bondsman
02:42:53 Billy Revell, Liberty Bail Bonds, Helena
02:43:07 Morrie Anderson, Anderson Bonding Company, Great Falls

Opponents' Testimony:

02:43:31 Jessica Rhoades, Montana State Auditor's Office
02:45:33 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association
02:49:05 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association
02:49:26 Dwight Eastman, Farmers Insurance

Informational Testimony:

02:50:03 Mary Arnold, State Auditor's Office, Insurance
Continuing Education Program

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:51:39 Sen. Barkus
02:51:58 Ms. Arnold
02:52:13 Sen. Balyeat
02:56:36 Ms. Arnold
02:57:12 Sen. Keane
03:00:10 Ms. Arnold
03:00:17 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
03:02:10 Mr. Restvedt
03:02:49 Sen. Barkus
03:03:19 Ms. Rhoades
03:03:30 Sen. Barkus
03:05:17 Ms. Arnold
03:05:47 Sen. Barkus
03:07:14 Mr. Restvedt
03:07:19 Sen. Balyeat
03:09:32 Ms. Arnold
03:09:47 Sen. Balyeat
03:10:39 Mr. Restvedt
03:10:58 Vice Chairman Tropila
03:11:17 Mr. Restvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

03:12:00 Sen. Perry
03:15:04 Sen. Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus13aad.pdf](#))