

BUSINESS REPORT

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

SENATE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009
Place: Capitol

Time: 3 pm
Room: 335

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

SJ 30

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

SJ 30 BCAA

COMMENTS:



Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chairman

Montana State Senate Roll Call

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Date 4-23-09

HB/SB # SJ030

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/EXCUSED</u>
Rep. Hunter	✓	
Rep. Bill Beck	✓	
Rep. Boland	✓	
Rep. Mendenkell	✓	
Sen. Zinke	✓	
Sen. Perry	✓	
Sen. Laslovich	✓	



**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
on Senate Joint Resolution 30
Report No. 001, April 23, 2009**

Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

We, your Free Conference Committee met and considered **Senate Joint Resolution 30** (reference copy -- salmon) and recommend this Free Conference Committee report be adopted.

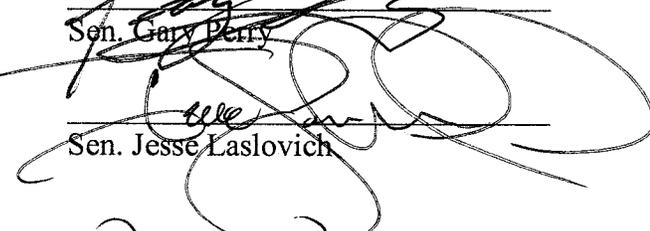
For the Senate:



Sen. Ryan Zinke Chair



Sen. Gary Perry



Sen. Jesse Laslovich

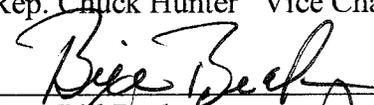


Amendment Coordinator

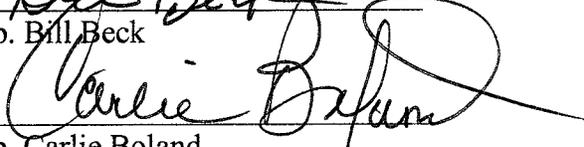
For the House:



Rep. Chuck Hunter Vice Chair



Rep. Bill Beck



Rep. Carlie Boland



Rep. Scott Mendenhall

And, recommend that **Senate Joint Resolution 30** (reference copy -- salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 6.

Following: "SYSTEM"

Insert: "AND LAWS RELATED TO THE MONTANA STATE FUND"

2. Title, line 7.

Following: "DRIVERS"

**ADOPT
REJECT**

Amendment # SJ 30-001

Insert: "AND THE MONTANA STATE FUND"

3. Page 1, line 23.

Following: "COMPENSATION"

Insert: "; and

WHEREAS, a February 2009 Legislative Audit Division report concluded that legal compliance risks faced by the Montana State Fund may be higher because of an internal and external lack of regulatory oversight mechanisms, which is of potential significance because of Montana State Fund's current market dominance of 67% of a market that is shared with private carriers providing workers' compensation insurance, excluding self-insured employers; and

WHEREAS, statutory direction for the Montana State Fund to operate as a self-sustaining business in a manner similar to that of a privately operated mutual insurance business has resulted in the Montana State Fund developing compensation and incentive plans and premium and other performance measures similar to those of private companies"

4. Page 2, line 11.

Following: "COMPENSATION"

Insert: ";

(6) structural issues in Montana, particularly as they relate to the three-tiered system involving self-insurers, private carriers, and the Montana State Fund"

5. Page 2, following line 23.

Insert: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study examine the operation and structure of the Montana State Fund, the Montana State Fund's relationship with state government and other insurers, and state oversight of the Montana State Fund."

- END -

Montana State Senate
Roll Call Vote

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