

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Elsie Arntzen, on February 1, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)
Rep. Tom Berry, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Sandra Sullivan, Committee Secretary

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: HB 124, 1/26/2011; HB 356, 1/26/2011; HB 367, 1/26/2011

HEARING ON HB 124**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:29 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 124, Create a state-level health insurance exchange.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:45 Jesse Laslovich, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance and State Auditor's Office
00:16:10 Rep. Welborn and Rep. Reinhart arrived.
00:19:08 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
00:20:43 Kathryn Burton, Montana Chapter, National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers (NAIFA)
00:28:46 Angela Dowling, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana
00:30:47 Laurie Francis, Montana Primary Care Association
00:34:01 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services
00:35:26 Diane Fladmo, Director of Research, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
00:36:48 Tod Lovshin, Allegiance Life and Health
00:37:56 Claudia Clifford, Policy Director, American Association of Retired People (AARP) of Montana
00:39:34 Aidan Myhre, Pfizer Pharmaceutical
00:40:44 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:42:00 John Flink, Montana Health Association
00:42:54 Stacey Anderson, Planned Parenthood of Montana
00:43:59 Erin McGowan-Fincham, Cancer Action Network, American Cancer Society

EXHIBIT(buh25a01)

00:46:21 Olan L. "Bubba" Alsup, Western States Insurance
00:52:02 Jacquie Helt, Service Employees International Union
00:52:45 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network
00:54:28 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
00:55:31 Ernesto Casillas, Owner, Calangos Restaurant
01:00:59 Jennifer Bezanson, Citizen
01:03:10 Amanda Harrow, Montana Small Business Alliance
01:13:09 Cynthia Wolken, Center for Rural Affairs
01:15:11 Chris Cavazos, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO)
01:15:42 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals

EXHIBIT(buh25a02)

01:16:10 Mark Anderlik, Missoula Area Central Labor Council

EXHIBIT(buh25a03)

01:23:13 Dennis Lopach, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
01:24:57 Michaelynn Hawk, Indian People's Action

EXHIBIT(buh25a04)

01:29:58 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:32:40 Frank Mayo, Regional Sales Manager, Clear One Health Plans

Opponents' Testimony:

01:34:08 Tim Ravndal, Lewis and Clark County Tea Party

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:19 Rep. Smith
01:37:18 Mr. Laslovich
01:38:45 Rep. Smith
01:38:52 Mr. Laslovich
01:39:36 Rep. Smith
01:40:01 Mr. Laslovich
01:40:14 Rep. Smith
01:40:24 Mr. Laslovich
01:41:40 Rep. Smith
01:41:49 Mr. Laslovich
01:42:11 Rep. Smith
01:42:43 Mr. Laslovich
01:43:39 Rep. Smith
01:44:10 Mr. Laslovich
01:44:55 Rep. Smith
01:45:08 Mr. Laslovich
01:45:13 Rep. Smith
01:45:40 Mr. Laslovich
01:46:36 Rep. Smith
01:47:01 Mr. Laslovich
01:47:25 Rep. Smith
01:47:41 Mr. Laslovich
01:47:43 Rep. Smith
01:47:51 Mr. Laslovich
01:48:06 Rep. Smith
01:48:19 Mr. Laslovich
01:48:46 Rep. Smith
01:49:04 Mr. Alsup
01:49:38 Rep. Smith
01:49:48 Mr. Alsup
01:50:10 Rep. Reinhart
01:50:47 Rep. Hunter
01:51:49 Rep. Reinhart
01:52:10 Rep. Hunter
01:53:10 Rep. Reinhart
01:53:32 Rep. Hunter
01:54:00 Rep. Reinhart
01:54:10 Rep. Hunter
01:55:29 Rep. Reinhart
01:55:38 Rep. Hunter
01:56:04 Rep. Reinhart
01:56:32 Mr. Laslovich
01:56:51 Rep. Reinhart
01:57:05 Mr. Laslovich
01:58:27 Rep. Reinhart
01:58:54 Mr. Laslovich

02:00:58 Rep. Rosendale
02:01:55 Mr. Laslovich
02:03:46 Rep. Rosendale
02:04:06 Mr. Laslovich
02:04:38 Rep. Greef
02:06:07 Rep. Hunter
02:06:55 Rep. Furey
02:07:45 Mr. Laslovich
02:08:27 Rep. Furey
02:08:45 Mr. Laslovich
02:09:06 Rep. McNiven
02:09:53 Rep. Hunter
02:10:22 Rep. McNiven
02:10:35 Rep. Hunter

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:12 Rep. Hunter

02:15:40 Recessed
02:31:23 Resumed

HEARING ON HB 356

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:31:48 Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 356, Generally revise laws relating to addiction counselors.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:33:46 Art Becker, Student

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:36:50 Rep. Hiner

HEARING ON HB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:37:37 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 367, Revise motor vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:39:29 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Administrator, Department of Justice
02:44:10 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance

02:46:27 Bruce Spencer, All State Insurance and Property Casualty Insurance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:47:56 Rep. Furey
02:48:30 Mr. VanHorssen
02:49:32 Rep. Furey
02:50:23 Mr. VanHorssen
02:51:50 Vice Chairman Berry
02:52:24 Ms. Nordlund
02:53:11 Vice Chairman Berry
02:53:28 Ms. Nordlund
02:53:44 Rep. Squires
02:54:02 Mr. VanHorssen
02:54:24 Rep. Squires
02:55:53 Mr. VanHorssen
02:56:37 Rep. Reinhart
02:57:14 Ms. Norland
02:57:52 Rep. Rosendale
02:58:49 Mr. Spencer
02:59:41 Mr. VanHorssen
03:00:39 Vice Chairman Berry
03:00:51 Rep. MacLaren
03:00:53 Vice Chairman Berry

Closing by Sponsor:

03:00:58 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

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Sandra Sullivan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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