

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Elsie Arntzen, on March 9, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)

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: SB 361, 3/4/2011; SB 269, 3/4/2011; SB 290, 3/4/2011; SB 294, 3/4/2011; SB 342, 3/4/2011

HEARING ON SB 290**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:10 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 290, Exclude independent contractor as employee under Human Rights Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:41 Rep. Rosendale and Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:04:50 Jerry Keck, Administrator, Employee Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

EXHIBIT(buh53a01)

00:06:41 Jason Miller, Co-Vice Chair for Labor, Labor-Management Advisory Council on Worker's Compensation and Safety (LMAC)

00:07:18 Bob Worthington, Co-Vice Chair for Business, LMAC

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:00 Vice Chairman Hunter

00:08:23 Mr. Keck, DLI

00:09:14 Vice Chairman Hunter

00:09:27 Mr. Keck

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:34 Sen. Zinke

HEARING ON SB 361**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:24 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 361, Generally revise gambling laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:27 Neil Peterson, Executive Director, Gaming Industry Association of Montana (GIA)

00:14:10 Rep. Squires arrived.

00:14:32 Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

00:16:18 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

00:17:28 John Tooke, Owner, Golden Spur Bar and Casino

00:19:35 Ralph Ferraro, Owner, Rocking R Bar

00:20:07 Bruce Wilson, Grand Vision Gaming

00:20:47 Rick Ogle, Owner, JR's Lounge and Liquor Store

00:21:22 John Hayse, Director, Cascade County Tavern Association

00:21:51 Clint Lohman, Owner, Rocky Mountain Gaming

00:22:30 Kathy Bushnell, Manager, Jackpot Casino
00:24:07 Steve Morris, Jorgenson's and Tri-County Tavern Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:42 Rick Ask, Administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:14 Rep. Furey
00:25:38 Mr. Staples, MTA
00:27:08 Rep. Clark
00:27:26 Mr. Staples
00:27:40 Rep. Clark
00:28:06 Mr. Staples

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:20 Sen. Ripley

00:29:14 Meeting recessed.
00:41:56 Meeting resumed.

HEARING ON SB 269

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:19 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 269, Exempt certain nonprofit housing developers from manufactured housing provisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:07 Sheila Rice, NeighborWorks Montana
EXHIBIT(buh53a02)
00:48:19 Bruce Brensdaal, Administrator, Housing Division, Department of Commerce (COM)
00:49:29 Maureen Rude, Director of Operations, NeighborWorks Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:51:17 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
00:52:41 Joel Jaspersen, Owner, Rangitsch Brothers Manufactured Housing Dealers
00:55:15 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicle Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:20 Rep. Boland
01:00:53 Ms. Rice
01:01:33 Rep. Boland
01:01:41 Ms. Rice

01:01:49 Rep. Furey
01:02:15 Ms. Rice
01:02:30 Rep. Welborn
01:02:48 Ms. Rice
01:03:14 Rep. Welborn
01:03:48 Ms. Rice
01:03:54 Rep. Welborn
01:04:11 Ms. Rice
01:04:36 Rep. Greef
01:05:14 Ms. Rice
01:06:22 Rep. Squires
01:06:38 Ms. Rice
01:06:48 Rep. Squires
01:07:03 Mr. Jasperson
01:07:07 Rep. Squires
01:07:09 Mr. Jasperson
01:07:26 Rep. Squires
01:07:49 Mr. Jasperson
01:08:08 Rep. Squires
01:08:17 Mr. Jasperson
01:08:41 Rep. Squires
01:09:06 Mr. Jasperson
01:09:50 Rep. Squires
01:10:35 Mr. Brensdal, COM
01:11:14 Rep. Squires
01:11:16 Mr. Brensdale
01:11:33 Vice Chairman Hunter
01:11:55 Ms. Rice
01:12:37 Vice Chairman Hunter
01:12:47 Ms. Rice
01:12:59 Vice Chairman Hunter
01:13:15 Ms. Rice
01:13:57 Rep. McNiven
01:14:47 Ms. Rice
01:15:26 Rep. McNiven
01:15:41 Ms. Rice
01:15:48 Rep. McNiven
01:16:20 Ms. Rice

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:33 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 294

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:05 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 294, Revise workforce training grant program.

[EXHIBIT\(buh53a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:37 Sarah Converse, Executive Director, Sweetgrass Development

EXHIBIT(buh53a04)

01:28:49 Ms. Rice

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

01:29:18 Andy Poole, COM

01:29:34 Rick Edwards, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:44 Rep. Clark

01:31:58 Sen. Buttrey

01:32:14 Rep. Greef

01:33:30 Sen. Buttrey

01:34:10 Rep. Greef

01:35:00 Sen. Buttrey

01:35:25 Vice Chairman Hunter

01:35:37 Sen. Buttrey

01:36:00 Vice Chairman Hunter

01:36:27 Sen. Buttrey

01:37:00 Rep. Reinhart

01:37:11 Sen. Buttrey

01:37:24 Mr. Poole, COM

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01:37:46 Rep. Reinhart

01:38:05 Mr. Poole

01:39:01 Rep. Reinhart

01:39:19 Mr. Poole

01:40:05 Rep. Reinhart

01:40:45 Sen. Buttrey

01:41:28 Rep. Reinhart

01:41:37 Sen. Buttrey

01:42:16 Rep. Reinhart

01:42:34 Sen. Buttrey

01:42:48 Rep. Squires

01:43:56 Sen. Buttrey

01:44:23 Mr. Poole

01:46:21 Rep. Squires

01:47:02 Mr. Poole

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:57 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 342

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:50:00 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 342, Define misconduct for unemployment insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:51:47 Roy Mulvaney, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance Division, DLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:52:51 Sen. Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

09:58:00 Adjournment

Sandra Sullivan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh53aad.pdf](#))