

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Salomon, on April 3, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Roger A. Hagan (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Reilly Neill (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ellen Bush, Committee Secretary
Bart Campbell, 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 173, 3/27/2013; SB 174, 3/27/2013; SB 357, 3/25/2013
Executive Action: HB 616

HEARING ON SB 357

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:21 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 357, Revise exam and continuing education requirements for prepaid legal insurers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:00 Rhonda Whiting, Legal Associate, Legal Shield
00:20:23 Katie Huff, Regional Vice President, Legal Shield
00:23:31 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:25:41 Jesse Laslovich, Chief Counsel, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:13 Rep. Reichner
00:26:48 Sen. Facey
00:27:14 Rep. McNiven
00:27:43 Mr. Laslovich, CSI

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:04 Sen. Tom Facey

00:28:05 Chair Berry arrived.

HEARING ON SB 174

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:20 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 174, Authorize alternatives for state agency worker's compensation coverage.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:20 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of the Governor (GOV)
00:34:06 Lance Zanto, Bureau Chief, Worker's Compensation Management Bureau, Health Care and Benefits Division, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:36:46 Gary Matthews, Victory Insurance, Miles City
00:38:16 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance of America (PCI)
00:39:03 Ms. Lenmark, AIA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:40:11 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:29 Rep. Clark
00:40:48 Ms. Butler, MSF
00:41:05 Rep. Clark

00:41:17 Ms. Butler, MSF

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:59 Sen. Keane

00:43:01 Rep. Neill arrived

HEARING ON SB 173

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:47 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 173, Generally revising state workers' compensation insurance fund laws.

EXHIBIT(buh69a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:53 Mr. Villa, GOV

00:58:05 Lance Zanto, DOA

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:33 Ms. Butler, MSF

EXHIBIT(buh69a02)

EXHIBIT(buh69a03)

01:07:25 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

01:12:20 Barry "Spook" Stang, Executive Vice President, Motor Carriers of Montana

EXHIBIT(buh69a04)

01:18:01 John Youngberg, Vice President of Governmental Affairs, Montana Farm Bureau and Montana Stockgrowers Association

01:21:14 Bob Biskupiak, Executive Director, Independent Insurance Agents Association (IIAA)

01:24:17 Colleen Michael, Montana Logging Association

01:25:53 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:27:10 Mr. Spencer, PCI and Montana Auto Dealers Association (MADA)

01:31:06 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony:

01:34:34 Julie Feldman, Acting Administrator, State Accounting Division, DOA

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:12 Rep. Reichner

01:35:59 Mr. Villa, GOV

01:36:08 Rep. Reichner

01:36:43 Mr. Villa, GOV

01:38:12 Rep. McNiven

01:38:47 Mr. Villa, GOV

01:39:06 Rep. McNiven

01:40:25 Ms. Butler, MSF

01:44:33 Rep. McNiven

01:45:13 Ms. Butler, MSF

01:46:15 Rep. McNiven

01:46:31 Rep. Hunter

01:46:52 Ms. Butler, MSF

01:46:57 Rep. Hunter
01:47:25 Mr. Turkeiwicz, MBA
01:47:41 Rep. Squires
01:48:35 Mr. Zanto, DOA
01:48:49 Rep. Squires
01:49:03 Mr. Zanto, DOA
01:49:22 Mr. Villa, GOV
01:50:50 Rep. Squires
01:52:25 Mr. Villa, GOV
01:54:20 Rep. Pierson
01:54:40 Ms. Butler, MSF
01:56:50 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.
01:56:56 Rep. Pierson
01:57:00 Sen. Keane
01:57:23 Chair Berry
01:57:45 Sen. Keane
01:58:31 Chair Berry
01:58:42 Sen. Keane
01:59:00 Chair Berry
01:59:08 Ms. Butler, MSF
01:59:25 Sen. Keane
01:59:40 Chair Berry
01:59:51 Ms. Butler
01:59:55 Chair Berry
02:00:10 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:00:07 Chair Berry
02:00:25 Rep. Squires
02:00:33 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:00:44 Rep. Squires
02:00:50 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:00:55 Rep. Squires
02:01:31 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:01:36 Rep. Squires
02:02:02 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:02:37 Rep. Squires
02:04:41 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:05:28 Rep. Squires
02:05:44 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:05:50 Rep. Squires
02:06:05 Chair Berry
02:06:10 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:06:33 Chair Berry
02:06:45 Rep. Squires
02:06:50 Chair Berry
02:06:37 Rep. Hagan
02:07:16 Mr. Spencer, PCI
02:07:20 Rep. Hagan
02:07:30 Mr. Spencer, PCI
02:08:00 Rep. Hagan
02:08:10 Mr. Spencer, PCI

02:08:18 Rep. Hagan
02:08:34 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:09:29 Rep. Hagan
02:10:26 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:10:47 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.
02:11:50 Rep. Lang
02:12:21 Ms. Butler, MSF
02:12:35 Rep. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

02:12:55 Sen. Keane

EXHIBIT(buh69a05)

02:17:59 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned. Rep. Reichner left.

02:18:06 Chair Berry

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 616

02:18:14 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 616 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:18:23 Rep. Hagan

02:20:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hagan moved that **HB 616 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Reichner voted by proxy.

02:22:21 Chair Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:22:44

Ellen Bush, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh69aad.pdf](#))