

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on April 9, 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
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. Reilly Neill (D)
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)

Members Excused: Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

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: HJ 23, 4/4/2013; SJ 400, 4/6/2013

HEARING ON HJ 23**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:34 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HJ 23, Interim study of electronic data disclosure.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:51 Niki Zupanic, Director, Public Policy, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
00:15:29 Steve Turkiewicz, President and Chief Executive Officer, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)
00:16:37 Geoff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association
00:18:34 Tom Ebzery, CenturyLink

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:04 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:39 Rep. Greef
00:23:19 Rep. Bennett
00:24:39 Rep. Steenberg
00:25:11 Rep. Bennett
00:26:17 Rep. Steenberg
00:26:30 Rep. Bennett
00:26:40 Rep. Hunter
00:27:28 Rep. Bennett
00:27:30 Rep. Welborn arrived.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:55 Rep. Bennett

HEARING ON SB 400**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:44 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 400, Generally revise laws regarding bail bonds.

[EXHIBIT\(buh74a01\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:44 George Skuletich, Undersheriff, Butte-Silverbow and Board of Private Security, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
00:45:06 Richard Friedel, Security Producer and General Agent, Friedel LLC
00:58:43 Chris Friedel, Freedom Bail Bonds

Opponents' Testimony:

01:01:07 Brad Aipperspach, Your Bondman, Missoula
01:14:13 Kelly Reisbeck, Big Sky Bail Bonds, Helena
01:14:51 John Willoughby, Bad Boy Bail Bonds, Helena

01:15:21 William Rupnow, Great Falls, Easy Bail Bonds
01:15:48 Mike Windsor, Staff Attorney, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)
01:20:06 Theresa Rupnow, E-Z Bail Bonds, Great Falls
01:20:23 Nick Rupnow, E-Z Bail Bonds, Billings
01:20:38 Chad Albrecht, A-Anderson Bail Bonding, Billings
01:21:49 Blaine Fortner, AAA Bail Bail Bonds, Billings
01:22:28 Dave Crow, Valley Bail, Bozeman
01:22:48 Scott Restvedt, Valley Bail, Bozeman
01:23:34 Joel McGlynn, Devildog Bail Bonds, Missoula
01:23:59 Brian Hamilton, Central Montana Bail Bonds, Billings
01:24:19 Richard C. Wright, Central Montana Bail Bonds, Lewistown
01:24:40 Jennifer Chenoweth, AAAction Bail Bonds, Bozeman

Informational Testimony:

01:25:14 Kevin Maki, Attorney, Board of Private Security, DLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:58 Rep. Neill
01:26:19 Sen. Arntzen
01:26:25 Rep. Hunter
01:27:11 Mr. Fridell, Freedom Bail Bonds
01:28:30 Rep. Clark
01:28:59 Sen. Arntzen
01:29:47 Rep. Hunter
01:30:06 Sen. Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:16 Sen. Arntzen

01:35:20 Chair Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:36:28

Ellen Bush, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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