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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on January 11, 2013 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chair (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division

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 47, 1/3/2013; SB 30, 1/3/2013; SB 20, 1/3/2013; SB 46,
1/3/2013; SB 10, 1/3/2013

Executive Action: SB 46, SB 47

HEARING ON SB 47

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:55 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 47. Revise mine safety training and inspections laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:54 Brian Page, Bureau Chief, Safety and Health Bureau, Department of Labor (DLI)
[EXHIBIT\(bus05a01\)](#)

00:32:24 Tom Hopgood, Executive Director, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:32:58 Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:42 Sen. Brown

00:34:13 Mr. Maciver

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:00 Sen. Keane

HEARING ON SB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:59 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 30. Revise big sky trust fund wage rate laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:20 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce (COM)

[EXHIBIT\(bus05a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus05a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:39 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #233 (IBEW)

[EXHIBIT\(bus05a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:11 Sen. Facey
00:45:28 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:48 Sen. Buttrey
00:46:37 Sen. Sonju

HEARING ON SB 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:52 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 20. Revise security laws related to multi-level marketers.

[EXHIBIT\(bus05a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus05a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:42 Adam Schafer, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)
00:56:21 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA)
00:59:01 Valerie Hayes, Senior Director Global Regulatory Affairs, Direct Selling Association (DSA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus05a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:25 Sen. Brown
01:01:47 Ms. Hayes
01:02:13 Sen. Barrett
01:02:23 Sen. Jent
01:03:09 Sen Barrett
01:03:18 Mr. Schafer
01:03:31 Sen. Facey
01:03:39 Jesse Laslovich, on behalf of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)
01:04:05 Sen. Facey
01:04:19 Mr. Laslovich
01:05:03 Sen. Facey
01:05:07 Sen. Jackson
01:08:57 Sen. Jent
01:09:37 Sen. Brown left the hearing.
01:09:47 Sen. Arntzen

01:10:13 Mr. Schafer
01:10:24 Mr. Laslovich
01:12:14 Sen. Arntzen
01:12:26 Mr. Laslovich
01:13:01 Chairman Sonju
01:13:37 Mr. Laslovich
01:15:40 Sen. Facey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:53 Sen. Jent
01:17:00 Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON SB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:17:34 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 46. Revise Montana apprenticeship program laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:38 Mike Cooney, Administrator, Workforce Services Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
01:22:21 Jon Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters
01:22:42 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #233 (IBEW)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:09 Sen. Facey
01:23:28 Mr. Cooney

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:01 Sen. Vuckovich

01:24:52 Recess
01:38:22 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:38:50 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 10. Provide for licensure and regulation of mental health peer support specialists.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:41:35 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana (NAMI)
01:44:50 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice
01:46:31 James Gustafson, Center for Mental Health
01:48:13 Cathy McGowen, Eastern Montana Mental Health Center and Western Montana Mental Health Center
01:50:45 Dr. Gary Mihelish, retired Dentist; member, National Alliance on Mental Illness
01:52:14 Sen. Brown returned to the hearing
01:52:58 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights for Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:54:46 John Wilkinson, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:56:57 Sen. Facey
01:57:13 Mr. Wilkinson
01:57:25 Sen. Facey
01:58:25 Sen. Caferro
01:58:49 Sen. Facey
01:59:05 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:59:36 Sen. Caferro
01:59:56 Mr. Kuntz
02:04:01 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:05:02 Sen. Caferro
02:05:53 Sen. Barrett
02:06:49 Mr. Wilkinson
02:07:12 Sen. Arntzen
02:07:33 Ms. Brenneman
02:08:08 Sen. Arntzen
02:08:29 Mr. Wilkinson
02:09:56 Sen. Arntzen
02:10:50 Sen. Caferro
02:13:33 Sen. Vuckovich
02:19:07 Mr. Kuntz
02:19:14 Sen. Sonju
02:19:18 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:19:52 Sen. Facey
02:21:15 Sen. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

02:21:27 Sen. Caferro
02:21:36 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 46

02:21:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 46 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47

02:22:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 47 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

02:23:21 Chairman Sonju

02:23:50 Sen. Brown

02:24:09 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:25 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus05aad.pdf](#))