

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Jon Sonju, on January 16, 2013 at 9:00 AM, 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 114, 1/11/2013; SB 109, 1/11/2013; SB 99, 1/11/2013

Executive Action: SB 60, Do Pass As Amended

**HEARING ON SB 114**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:12 Sen. Janna Taylor (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 114. Eliminate certain charges for motor vehicle registration.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:26:06 Brenda Nordlund, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:56 Sen. Brown  
00:29:36 Ms. Nordlund, DOJ  
00:30:20 Sen. Brown  
00:30:32 Sen. Taylor  
00:30:58 Sen. Facey  
00:33:49 Ms. Nordlund  
00:35:27 Sen. Jackson  
00:37:31 Sen. Taylor  
00:37:59 Ms. Nordlund  
00:38:12 Sen. Facey  
00:38:22 Sen. Taylor

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:32 Sen. Taylor

**HEARING ON SB 109**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:41:13 Sen. Matthew Rosendale (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 109. Provide landlord comply with building code in place at original construction.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:54 John Sinrud, Montana Landlord's Association (MLA)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus08a01\)](#)

00:46:13 Rick Linafelter, Government Affairs Director, Montana Landlord's Association (MLA)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus08a02\)](#)

00:47:26 William Staffeldt, Vice President, Montana Landlord's Association; Vice  
President, Helena Chapter, Montana Landlord's Association (MLA)  
00:50:17 Pat Duncan, Montana Landlord's Association (MLA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:51:26 Kate Choleva, City of Missoula  
00:53:48 Sam Thompson, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MONTPIRG)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:54:27 David Cook, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:54:55 Sen. Brown  
00:56:24 Mr. Thompson, MONTPIRG  
00:57:02 Sen. Facey  
00:59:47 Mr. Cook, DLI  
01:00:14 Sen. Facey  
01:00:43 Mr. Sinrud, MLA  
01:02:51 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:11:49 Mr. Sinrud  
01:13:53 Sen. Arntzen  
01:14:17 Chairman Sonju  
01:16:18 Mr. Cook  
01:17:00 Chairman Sonju  
01:17:05 Sen. Barrett left the hearing.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:17:06 Sen. Rosendale  
01:19:22 Chairman Sonju  
  
01:19:55 Brief Recess  
01:33:57 Reconvened

**HEARING ON SB 99**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:34:09 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 99. Revise laws related  
to motor vehicle insurance verification.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:36:23 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association (MCTA); also  
speaking for Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
01:42:05 Brenda Nordlund, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice  
(DOJ)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:49:38 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCI)  
 01:53:18 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance, (SFI)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:54:58 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:56:41 Ms. Nordlund, DOJ  
 01:57:53 Sen. Brown  
 02:01:04 Ms. Nordlund  
 02:01:57 Chairman Sonju  
 02:03:00 Ms. Nordlund  
 02:03:06 Sen. Brown  
 02:03:19 Ms. Nordlund  
 02:03:45 Sen. Facey  
 02:03:58 Ms. Nordlund  
 02:04:04 Chairman Sonju  
 02:04:16 Ms. Nordlund

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:04:53 Sen. Olson  
  
 02:06:34 Chairman Sonju  
 02:07:35 Sen. Facey  
 02:08:22 Chairman Sonju

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 30**

02:08:44 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 30 DO PASS.**  
  
 02:09:12 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 30 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(bus08a03)**

**Discussion:**

02:09:23 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 02:09:37 Sen. Facey  
  
 02:10:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett and Sen. Moore voted by proxy.  
  
 02:10:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 30 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett and Sen. Moore voted by proxy.  
  
 02:11:41 Chairman Sonju

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:56 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus08aad.pdf](#))**