

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on February 7, 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. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

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: HB 65, 1/30/2013; SB 184, 1/30/2013; SB 221, 2/5/2013

Executive Action: SB 171, Do Pass As Amended

HEARING ON SB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:18 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 221. Include domestic violence situations under reason for paid leave.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:32 Sarah Rossi, Public Policy Director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

[EXHIBIT\(bus27a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:52 Sen. Facey
00:37:16 Sen. Caferro
00:37:33 Chairman Sonju
00:38:00 Sen. Caferro
00:38:07 Sen. Barrett
00:39:58 Sen. Caferro
00:40:03 Ms. Rossi, MCADSV

00:41:05 Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

00:41:06 Sen. Arntzen
00:44:14 Sen. Caferro
00:45:30 Sen. Jackson
00:46:21 Sen. Caferro
00:47:09 Sen. Barrett
00:47:39 Sen. Caferro
00:48:42 Sen. Vuckovich
00:49:34 Sen. Caferro
00:50:17 Sen. Brown
00:51:08 Ms. Rossi

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:45 Sen. Caferro

00:52:00 Sen. Moore left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:45 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 65. Revise consumer loan laws.

[EXHIBIT\(bus27a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:41 Melanie Hall, Commissioner, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:28 Sen. Facey
01:07:20 Ms. Hall, DOA
01:07:26 Sen. Arntzen
01:09:56 Ms. Hall
01:10:19 Chairman Sonju
01:12:00 Ms. Hall
01:13:05 Sen. Brown
01:13:43 Ms. Hall
01:14:19 Chairman Sonju
01:16:07 Ms. Hall

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:31 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:17:12 Recess
01:32:11 Reconvene

01:32:15 Sen. Moore returned to the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 184

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:27 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 184. Provide for offset of economic consumption expenses in survival actions.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:35:14 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA); also speaking for Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic, Billings, Montana

01:41:49 Dr. Ron Miller, Family Physician, Whitefish, Montana; Chairman of Board, Utah Medical Insurance Association (UMIA)
01:47:18 Jessie Luther, Montana Hospital Association (MHA), Yellowstone Insurance Exchange (YIE)
01:48:28 Greg Drapes, CEO, Monida Healthcare Network (MHN), Missoula, Montana
01:49:46 Tom Ebzery, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System (SCLHS); also speaking for Mike Foster, who also represents all Catholic Hospitals in addition to Providence Montana Health and Services and St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula
01:51:14 Mona Jamison, The Doctors Company
01:52:44 Bill Warden, Benefis Healthcare, Great Falls; St. Peters Hospital, Helena; Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, Bozeman

Opponents' Testimony:

01:53:10 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association (MTLA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus27a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus27a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus27a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:04:59 Sen. Jackson
02:07:20 Mr. Smith, MTLA
02:08:04 Sen. Facey
02:08:10 Mr. Ebzery, SCLHS
02:09:16 Sen. Facey
02:11:05 Dr. Miller, UMIA
02:12:10 Sen. Facey
02:12:16 Ms. Keane, MMA
02:14:19 Sen. Moore
02:16:40 Ms. Keane
02:17:05 Chairman Sonju
02:18:00 Dr. Miller
02:18:08 Sen. Arntzen
02:18:47 Ms. Keane
02:19:43 Sen. Brown
02:20:31 Dr. Miller
02:20:42 Chairman Sonju
02:20:58 Dr. Miller
02:21:05 Sen. Brown
02:21:15 Dr. Miller
02:21:43 Sen. Facey
02:23:05 Dr. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:12 Sen. Tutvedt

[EXHIBIT\(bus27a06\)](#)

02:25:37 Chairman Sonju
02:26:40 Sen. Facey
02:26:52 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 171

02:27:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 171 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown and Sen. Sonju voting no. Sen. Van Dyk voted by proxy. (Bill amended on 2/1/2013 in Senate Business and Labor Committee.)

Committee Business:

02:27:55 Chairman Sonju
02:29:38 Sen. Arntzen
02:30:51 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:33:36 Sen. Arntzen
02:33:41 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:05 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus27aad.pdf](#))