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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Rick Ripley, on February 14, 2013 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Ripley, Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Walker, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 173, 2/11/2013; SB 269, 2/11/2013; SB 127, 2/11/2013

Executive Action: HB 18 - Be Concurred In; HB 81 - Be Concurred in; SB 236 Do
Pass

HEARING ON SB 173

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:26 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 173, Generally revising state workers' compensation insurance fund laws.

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00:22:41 Sen. Brown and Sen. Moore joined the meeting. Sen Brenden left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:02 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:24:52 Lance Zanto, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:20 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)

00:30:44 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI)

00:33:16 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

00:34:32 Bob Biskupiak, Independent Insurance Agents' Association of Montana

00:36:33 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association

00:37:08 Glen Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:37:25 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

00:39:17 Spook Stang, for Keith Olson, Montana Logging Association

Informational Testimony:

00:39:44 Chris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:40:10 Julie Feldman, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:27 Sen. Rosendale

00:40:56 Ms. Butler, MSF

00:41:07 Sen. Lewis

00:41:18 Director Villa, OBPP

00:42:09 Sen. Tropila

00:42:33 Ms. Butler

00:42:48 Sen. Tropila

00:43:30 Ms. Butler

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:51 Sen. Keane

HEARING ON SB 269

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:54 Sen. Edward Walker (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 269, Generally revise budget laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:45 Sen. Dave Lewis, SD 42

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:54:13 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:51 Sen. Keane
00:57:26 Sen. Lewis
00:57:54 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:58:50 Sen. Keane
00:59:35 Sen. Walker
01:01:05 Chairman Ripley
01:01:47 Sen. Walker
01:02:48 Sen. Jones
01:04:09 Sen. Walker
01:04:29 Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:54 Sen. Walker

HEARING ON SB 127

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:27 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 127, Revise unemployment law, revise def. of misconduct.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:06 Sen. Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 18

01:10:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 18 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sesso voted by proxy. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Priest, Sen. Wanzenried, Sen. Webb and Sen. Windy Boy were excused. Sen. Sesso will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 81

01:11:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **HB 81 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Sen. Moore and Sen. Rosendale voting no. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Priest, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webb voted by proxy. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Windy Boy were excused. Sen. Jones will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 236

01:13:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved that **SB 236 DO PASS**. Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sesso voted by proxy. Sen. Brendan, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Priest, Sen. Wanzenried, Sen. Webb and Sen. Windy Boy were excused.

Committee Business

01:14:31 Sen. Ripley

01:14:53 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

01:15:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved that **COMMITTEE BILL BE DRAFTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:40 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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