

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jon Sonju, on February 19, 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. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, 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: HB 199, 2/7/2013; HB 243, 2/7/2013; SB 182, 2/7/2013

Executive Action: HB 243, Be Concurred In; HB 199, Be Concurred In.

**HEARING ON HB 243**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:45 Rep. Nancy Wilson (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 243. Revise professional engineer, engineer intern, and surveyor examination laws.

00:30:43 Sen. Facey left the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:32:01 Hal Jacobson, Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (PELS)

00:33:23 Sen. Arntzen entered the hearing.

00:33:36 David Elias, Chairman, Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (PELS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:35 Rep. Wilson

**HEARING ON HB 199**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:31 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 199. Revising the authorized prices for a sports tab and earnings in a sports pool.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:34 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators (MCMO); also speaking for Neil Peterson, Gambling Industry Association of Montana, Incorporated (GIAM)

00:39:32 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:55 Rick Ask, Administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:18 Sen. Brown  
00:40:35 Rep. Noonan  
00:40:52 Chairman Sonju  
00:40:57 Rep. Noonan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:19 Rep. Noonan  
00:42:08 Sen. Brown  
00:42:13 Rep. Noonan

Note: Vice Chair Jackson assumed the position of Chair while Sen. Sonju presented his bill.

**HEARING ON SB 182**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:08 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 182. Generally revise automobile dealer franchise laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:44:21 Steve Zabawa, Rimrock Auto Group (RAG), Billings, Montana  
00:51:03 Bill Underriner, Underriner Motors (UM), Billings, Montana  
00:52:40 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA)

**[EXHIBIT\(bus37a01\)](#)**

00:55:59 Sen. Facey returned to the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:57:52 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (AAM)

**[EXHIBIT\(bus37a02\)](#)**

01:02:40 Mona Jamison, General Motors (GM)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:05:35 Sen. Brown  
01:09:00 Mr. Zabawa, RAG  
01:09:11 Mr. Spencer, MADA  
01:10:27 Sen. Facey  
01:12:53 Mr. MacDonald, AAM  
01:13:00 Sen. Facey  
01:16:25 Mr. Spencer

01:19:15 Sen. Arntzen  
01:19:29 Mr. Spencer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:59 Sen. Sonju

Note: Sen. Sonju assumed the role of Chair from Vice Chair Jackson.

**Affordable Insurance Exchanges**

Note: The following is an interactive presentation.

01:21:12 Lucas Hamilton, Communications and Policy Director, Office of the  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

**EXHIBIT(bus37a03)**

01:23:40 Sen. Arntzen  
01:24:08 Mr. Hamilton, CSI  
01:24:36 Sen. Brown  
01:26:24 Mr. Hamilton  
01:28:02 Sen. Barrett  
01:28:06 Mr. Hamilton  
01:30:08 Sen. Brown  
01:30:26 Mr. Hamilton  
01:30:41 Sen. Arntzen  
01:31:51 Mr. Hamilton  
01:32:12 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:32:39 Mr. Hamilton  
01:32:50 Sen. Moore  
01:33:34 Mr. Hamilton  
01:34:18 Sen. Brown  
01:34:35 Mr. Hamilton  
01:35:30 Sen. Arntzen  
01:35:43 Mr. Hamilton  
01:38:05 Sen. Brown  
01:38:25 Mr. Hamilton  
01:39:38 Sen. Arntzen  
01:39:42 Mr. Hamilton  
01:40:18 Sen. Brown  
01:40:38 Mr. Hamilton  
01:42:05 Sen. Facey  
01:42:08 Mr. Hamilton  
01:42:13 Sen. Jackson  
01:44:00 Mr. Hamilton  
01:44:24 Sen. Arntzen  
01:44:35 Mr. Hamilton  
01:45:29 Chairman Sonju  
01:46:14 Mr. Hamilton  
01:46:20 Chairman Sonju

01:48:32 Christina Goe, General Counsel, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

01:49:26 Sen. Van Dyk left the hearing.

01:50:01 Sen. Facey

01:50:29 Ms. Goe, CSI

01:51:20 Sen. Moore

01:51:48 Ms. Goe

01:52:07 Chairman Sonju

01:52:35 Ms. Goe

01:53:11 Sen. Moore

01:53:25 Ms. Goe

01:53:42 Chairman Sonju

01:53:48 Ms. Goe

01:54:06 Sen. Brown

01:55:52 Ms. Goe

01:56:26 Mr. Hamilton

01:57:13 Sen. Brown

01:58:05 Mr. Hamilton

01:58:09 Sen. Facey

01:58:27 Mr. Hamilton

01:59:26 Sen. Arntzen

02:00:30 Mr. Hamilton

02:01:35 Sen. Moore

02:01:50 Mr. Hamilton

02:02:10 Sen. Brown

02:03:18 Ms. Goe

02:04:02 Sen. Facey

02:04:33 Frank Cody, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSM)

02:04:51 Sen. Vuckovich

02:05:32 Mr. Hamilton

02:05:39 Sen. Arntzen

02:07:52 Mr. Hamilton

02:08:05 Sen. Jackson

02:08:30 Mr. Hamilton

02:08:52 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:09:18 Mr. Hamilton

02:09:46 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:11:21 Ms. Goe

02:11:48 Mr. Hamilton

02:12:44 Sen. Brown

02:12:58 Mr. Hamilton

02:13:09 Sen. Arntzen

02:13:17 Mr. Hamilton

02:13:37 Sen. Arntzen

02:13:41 Ms. Goe

02:15:08 Sen. Brown

02:15:11 Ms. Goe

02:16:35 Chairman Sonju

02:16:56 Ms. Goe  
02:17:03 Sen. Facey  
02:17:42 Chairman Sonju

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243**

02:18:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **HB 243 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Van Dyk was excused. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 199**

02:19:12 Chairman Sonju

02:19:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **HB 199 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Van Dyk was excused. Sen. Keane will carry the bill.

**Committee Bill:**

02:19:47 Chairman Sonju  
02:20:30 Sen. Brown  
02:20:41 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
02:22:55 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
02:23:13 Pat Murdo, LSD  
02:24:23 Sen. Moore  
02:24:26 Pat Murdo  
02:24:51 Chairman Sonju  
02:25:28 Sen. Brown  
02:25:32 Chairman Sonju  
02:26:21 Sen. Barrett  
02:26:26 Chairman Sonju

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:03 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus37aad.pdf](#))**