

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on February 21, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., 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. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

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: SB 329, 2/18/2013; SB 343, 2/18/2013

Executive Action: SB 182, Do Pass As Amended; SB 255 Failed to Pass (Vote not reported out of committee)

HEARING ON SB 329

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:25 Sen. Scott Boulanger (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 329. Revise insurance laws on individual being a holding company.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:26 Mike Greely, Victory Insurance Company (VIC), Miles City, Montana

00:33:05 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, and Sen. Arntzen entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:31 Adam Schafer, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:37 Chairman Sonju

00:37:45 Mr. Schafer, CSI

00:38:45 Sen. Jackson

00:39:58 Mr. Schafer

00:40:06 Steve Matthews, Chief Financial Examiner, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

00:41:27 Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

00:41:45 Sen. Jackson

00:41:59 Mr. Matthews, CSI

00:42:25 Sen. Brown

00:43:11 Mr. Matthews

00:43:45 Sen. Brown

00:45:13 Mr. Greely, VIC

00:45:32 Chairman Sonju

00:46:34 Mr. Greely

00:47:54 Sen. Barrett

00:48:27 Mr. Schafer, CSI

00:48:39 Sen. Barrett

00:48:48 Mr. Matthews

00:49:31 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:50:02 Sen. Boulanger

00:50:20 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:51:07 Mr. Schafer

00:51:13 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:52:49 Mr. Matthews

00:53:01 Sen. Moore

00:53:22 Chairman Sonju
00:53:26 Sen. Barrett
00:53:48 Mr. Matthews
00:54:47 Sen. Barrett
00:54:51 Sen. Jackson
00:55:33 Mr. Schafer
00:56:12 Sen. Jackson
00:56:15 Mr. Matthews
00:57:46 Sen. Brown
00:58:31 Mr. Schafer

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:41 Sen. Boulanger

00:59:35 Recess
01:13:28 Reconvene

Presentation: Montana Challenges 2010 Dodd-Frank Act

01:15:27 Lawrence VanDyke, Solicitor General, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)
[EXHIBIT\(bus39a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(bus39a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee:

01:23:59 Sen. Brown
01:27:55 Mr. VanDyke, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)
01:28:00 Sen. Vuckovich
01:29:49 Mr. VanDyke, DOJ

01:29:59 Sen. Facey entered the hearing.

01:31:58 Sen. Vuckovich
01:33:23 Mr. VanDyke
01:33:48 Chairman Sonju
01:33:55 Mr. VanDyke
01:34:07 Sen. Moore
01:35:01 Mr. VanDyke
01:35:33 Sen. Arntzen
01:36:38 Mr. VanDyke
01:37:05 Chairman Sonju
01:39:00 Mr. VanDyke

01:38:27 Sen. Facey left the hearing.

Public Comment:

01:39:19 Melanie Hall, Commissioner, Banking and Financial Institutions Division,
Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

01:41:10 Steve Turkewicz, President and CEO, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)
01:43:58 Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON SB 343

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:29 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 343. Generally revise laws related to board of barbers and cosmetologists.

[EXHIBIT\(bus39a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:31 Linda McPherson, Licensed Cosmetologist, Owner, Salon Professional Academy (TSPA), Great Falls, Montana

01:54:19 Mike McPherson, Owner, Salon Professional Academy (TSPA), Great Falls, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(bus39a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:57:13 Darlene Battaiola, Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists (BBC); Owner, Butte Academy of Beauty Culture, Butte, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(bus39a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:08:37 Sen. Brown

02:09:48 Ms. McPherson, TSPA

02:11:26 Sen. Brown

02:12:53 Ms. Battaiola, BBC

02:13:16 Sen. Vuckovich

02:14:06 Ms. McPherson

02:15:39 Sen. Brown

02:15:50 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

02:16:15 Sen. Arntzen

02:17:10 Sen. Facey entered the hearing. Sen. Arntzen left the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 182

02:18:01 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **SB 182 DO PASS.**

02:18:17 **Motion:** Sen. Sonju moved that **SB 182 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(bus39a06\)](#)

Discussion:

02:18:48 Chairman Sonju

02:19:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Arntzen was excused.

02:19:34 **Motion:** Sen. Sonju moved that **SB 182 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

02:19:50 **Motion:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SB 182 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(bus39a07\)](#)

Discussion:

02:20:28 Sen. Van Dyk

02:20:40 Sen. Brown

02:21:02 Chairman Sonju

02:21:36 Sen. Vuckovich

02:21:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-7 by voice vote with Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Van Dyk voting aye. Sen. Arntzen was excused.

02:22:39 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **SB 182 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:23:05 Chairman Sonju

02:23:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Arntzen was excused.

Committee Business:

02:24:20 Pat Murdo, LSD

02:24:23 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 255

02:24:43 **Motion:** Sen. Stewart-Peregoy moved that **SB 255 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:24:55 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:27:25 Sen. Van Dyk

02:29:00 Sen. Facey

02:30:39 Sen. Moore

02:31:56 Sen. Jackson

02:32:41 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:34:36 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Van Dyk and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye. Sen. Arntzen voted by proxy. (Note: No further action was taken, vote not reported out of committee)

Discussion:

02:35:54 Chairman Sonju
02:35:41 Sen. Moore
02:36:03 Sen. Facey
02:36:14 Chairman Sonju
02:36:21 Sen. Facey
02:36:31 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:18 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus39aad.pdf](#))