

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jon Sonju, on February 22, 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. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
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: SB 357, 2/19/2013

Executive Action: SB 357, Do Pass As Amended; SB 329, Tabled; SB 343, Do Pass As Amended; HB 190, Be Concurred In; HB 212, Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON SB 357**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:59 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 357. Revise exam and continuing education requirements for prepaid legal insurers.

**[EXHIBIT\(bus40a01\)](#)**

00:33:00 Sen. Van Dyk entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:34:02 Ralph Hoffman, LegalShield (LS), Helena

**[EXHIBIT\(bus40a02\)](#)**

00:36:45 Katie Huff, LegalShield (LS), Lolo

00:38:40 Rhonda Whiting, Associate, LegalShield (LS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:41:58 Jeannie Keller, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI), and Bureau of Licensing

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:27 Sen. Brown

00:45:07 Ms. Keller, CSI

00:45:58 Sen. Jackson

00:46:30 Sen. Facey

00:46:38 Sen. Jackson

00:50:18 Ms. Huff, LS

00:51:09 Sen. Barrett

00:51:19 Ms. Huff

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:01 Sen. Facey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 357**

00:53:16 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 357 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:53:20 Chairman Sonju

00:53:44 Katie Huff, LegalShield (LS)

00:54:10 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 357 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(bus40a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:54:28 Sen. Facey

00:54:45 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:55:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Arntzen and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:55:46 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 357 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:56:00 Sen. Facey

00:56:05 Sen. Brown

00:56:22 Sen. Facey

00:57:03 Chairman Sonju

00:57:07 Jeannie Keller, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI), and Bureau of Licensing

00:57:35 Chairman Sonju

00:57:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Arntzen and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 329**

00:58:39 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 329 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:58:57 Sen. Facey,

00:59:14 Sen. Moore

00:59:22 Sen. Van Dyk

00:59:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk made a substitute motion that **SB 329 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brown and Sen. Moore voting no. Sen. Arntzen and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

**Committee Business:**

01:01:22 Chairman Sonju

01:01:25 Pat Murdo

01:01:28 Chairman Sonju

01:01:33 Pat Murdo

01:01:43 Chairman Sonju

01:02:00 Sen. Arntzen entered the hearing.+

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 343**

01:02:47 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 343 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:03:17 Sen. Arntzen

01:06:01 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 343 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(bus40a04)**

**Discussion:**

01:06:17 Sen. Brown

01:06:47 Sen. Barrett

01:06:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

01:07:07 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 343 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:07:15 Sen. Arntzen

01:07:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

01:07:53 Chairman Sonju

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 190**

01:09:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **HB 190 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Sen. Moore will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 212**

01:09:44 **Motion:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **HB 212 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:09:50 Chairman Sonju

01:10:01 Sen. Moore

01:10:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Brown voting no. Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Sen. Moore will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

01:10:41 Chairman Sonju

01:11:21 Sen. Brown

01:11:28 Chairman Sonju  
01:11:40 Sen. Barrett  
01:11:48 Sen. Brown  
01:11:55 Chairman Sonju

**Confirmation of Government Appointments**

**Committee Discussion:**

01:12:48 Chairman Sonju  
01:13:42 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:13:54 Sen. Arntzen  
01:14:07 Chairman Sonju  
01:14:17 Sen. Brown  
01:14:21 Pat Murdo, LSD  
01:14:41 Chairman Sonju  
01:15:02 Sen. Arntzen  
01:15:22 Sen. Brown  
01:15:27 Sen. Barrett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:48 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus40aad.pdf](#))**