

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on March 6, 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. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

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 232, 2/26/2013; HB 264, 2/26/2013; HB 463, 2/26/2013

Executive Action: HB 264, Be Concurred In.

HEARING ON HB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:36 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 264. Exempt senior citizens' center from operator's license requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:53 Rita Charles, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

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00:32:20 Jane Hamman, self

00:33:35 Webb Brown, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:25 Rick Ask, Administrator of Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:34:35 Sen. Van Dyk left the room.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:54 Rep. Brown

00:35:15 Rep. Ingraham

00:37:51 Sen. Facey

00:38:25 Mr. Ask, DOJ

00:38:46 Sen. Facey

00:40:44 Rep. Ingraham

00:41:08 Chairman Sonju

00:41:12 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:41:54 Sen. Facey

00:42:01 Sen. Arntzen

00:42:38 Mr. Ask

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:51 Rep. Ingraham

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 264

00:43:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 264 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Moore and Sen. Van Dyk voted by proxy. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 463

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:39 Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 463. Revise laws related to nonferrous metal.

00:45:49 Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:08 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:48:56 Matt Elsaesser, Recycle Montana Incorporated (RMI)

EXHIBIT(bus48a02)

00:50:24 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

00:51:01 Steve Rundell, Pacific Steel and Recycling (PSR)

00:51:45 Dave Wheelihan, CEO, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

00:52:13 Tom Ebzery, CenturyLink

00:52:48 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy (NE)

00:53:21 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol, representing Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:54:05 Jim Gilman, Gilman Construction, Butte, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:34 Sen. Jackson

00:56:14 Rep. Bennett

00:56:25 Sen. Brown

00:57:04 Mr. Butler, DOJ

00:57:52 Sen. Arntzen

00:58:18 Mr. Butler

00:58:58 Sen. Arntzen

00:59:03 Rep. Bennett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:26 Rep. Bennett

01:00:45 Chairman Sonju

01:00:48 Rep. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 232**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:01:05 Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 232. Strengthen exclusive remedy laws in workers' compensation.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:44 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
01:09:39 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF); Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA); Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)
01:10:35 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
01:11:40 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce (KCC)
01:13:04 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy (NE)
01:13:39 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:14:11 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
01:14:23 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)
01:14:55 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA); Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA); also speaking for Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)
01:16:32 Barry 'Spook' Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)
01:16:51 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)
01:17:03 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce (BCC); Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (GFCC); Helena Chamber of Commerce (HCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:17:25 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:41 Sen. Facey
01:23:38 Rep. Knudsen
01:24:49 Sen. Moore
01:29:31 Mr. Baker, KCC
01:30:32 Sen. Facey
01:30:45 Mr. Baker
01:30:49 Sen. Vuckovich
01:31:53 Mr. Baker
01:33:22 Sen. Arntzen
01:34:21 Mr. Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:43 Rep. Knudsen

Committee Business:

01:37:02 Chairman Sonju
01:39:43 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:40:23 Sen. Brown
01:41:04 Chairman Sonju
01:41:27 Pat Murdo, LSD
01:41:38 Sen. Facey
01:42:28 Chairman Sonju
01:42:30 Pat Murdo

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:21 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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