

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on April 10, 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. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (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: HB 579, 4/4/2013

Executive Action: HB 582, Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 363, Be Concurred In As Amended; Committee Bill

HEARING ON HB 579

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

- 00:13:53 Rep. Roger Hagan (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 579. Establish task force on military missions and strategic/economic impacts in MT.
- 00:15:30 Brief Recess
(Note: This was due to computer problems)
- 00:18:30 Reconvened
- 00:18:35 Rep. Hagan continued his opening statement

Proponents' Testimony:

- 00:20:57 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, Great Falls
- 00:28:41 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, Missoula
- 00:30:52 Sen. Brown entered the hearing.
- 00:30:54 Mike Flaherty, self
- 00:32:30 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard Associations (MTNGA), also speaking for Mike Claus, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
- 00:36:58 Dan Antonietti, State Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- 00:38:06 Michael Buck, United States Air Force retired (USAF), former member of Montana National Guard (MNG)
- 00:43:25 Shantil Siaperas, Legislative Coordinator, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
- 00:44:18 Jessica Nolan, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
- 00:45:03 Mike Mergenthaler, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce (HCC)
- 00:46:21 Ed Bartlett, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce (BCC)
- 00:46:50 Dennis Stoner, member of Montana National Guard Enlisted Association (MNGEA)
- 00:47:16 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Opponents' Testimony:

- 00:50:37 Percy Malicott, President, CEO, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (GFCC)
[EXHIBIT\(bus75a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(bus75a02\)](#)
- 01:03:23 David Weissman, Chair, Montana Defense Alliance (MTDA)
- 01:03:53 Greg Doyon, Great Falls City Manager, member of Montana Defense Alliance (MTDA)
[EXHIBIT\(bus75a03\)](#)
- 01:09:31 Bill Salina, County Commissioner, Cascade County Board of County Commissioners (CCBCC)
- 01:13:48 Mike Fellows, Great Falls citizen, member of American Legion
- 01:14:44 Owen Robinson, Vice Chair, Great Falls National Airport Authority (GFNAA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:49 Sen. Facey
01:17:20 Mr. Malicott, GFCC
01:17:48 Sen. Facey
01:21:32 Rep. Hagan
01:22:07 Sen. Arntzen
01:22:48 Rep. Hagan
01:23:29 Sen. Arntzen
01:23:51 Sen. Buttrey
01:28:03 Chairman Sonju
01:28:15 Sen. Buttrey
01:28:33 Sen. Facey
01:28:55 Mr. Higgins, MTNGA
01:29:13 Sen. Facey
01:29:32 Mr. Malicott
01:30:04 Sen. Facey
01:30:09 Mr. Flaherty, self

[EXHIBIT\(bus75a04\)](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:39 Rep. Hagan

Committee Business:

01:40:10 Chairman Sonju
01:40:58 Sen. Facey
01:41:02 Sen. Jackson
01:41:05 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(bus75a05\)](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON PROPOSED JOINT RESOLUTION

Discussion:

01:41:24 Sen. Arntzen
01:41:29 Chairman Sonju
01:41:36 Sen. Arntzen
01:42:48 Sen. Jackson
01:43:52 Sen. Brown
01:44:45 Sen. Facey
01:46:00 Sen. Arntzen
01:46:43 Sen. Brown
01:47:00 Sen. Facey
01:47:07 Chairman Sonju

01:47:21 **Motion:** Chairman Sonju moved that the committee move forward with proposed joint resolution LC 2089 as a committee bill.

Discussion:

01:47:30 Sen. Barrett
 01:47:39 Pat Murdo, LSD
 01:48:50 Sen. Facey
 01:49:36 Sen. Brown
 01:49:54 Sen. Facey

01:50:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Moore voted by proxy.

01:50:55 Sen. Arntzen
 01:51:08 Sen. Facey
 01:51:27 Sen. Jackson
 01:51:38 Chairman Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 582

01:51:57 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 582 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:52:43 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 582 BE AMENDED.**
[**EXHIBIT\(bus75a06\)**](#)

Discussion:

01:53:03 Pat Murdo
 01:54:38 Sen. Facey
 01:55:21 Sen. Brown

01:55:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

01:56:03 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 582 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:56:14 Sen. Arntzen
 01:56:44 Chairman Sonju
 01:56:52 Pat Murdo
 01:57:10 Sen. Jackson
 01:57:24 Sen. Brown
 01:57:47 Chairman Sonju
 01:57:51 Sen. Jackson

01:57:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Sen. Jackson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 363

01:58:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 363 BE REMOVED FROM BEING TABLED**. Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote of those present and voting, with Sen. Van Dyk voting no.

01:58:43 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 363 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:59:02 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 363 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(bus75a07\)](#)

Discussion:

01:59:29 Pat Murdo
02:00:19 Sen. Facey
02:01:07 Sen. Arntzen
02:01:31 Sen. Facey
02:01:39 Sen. Vuckovich
02:02:22 Chairman Sonju
02:02:36 Sen. Facey
02:03:06 Chairman Sonju

02:03:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Van Dyk and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

02:03:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 363 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

02:05:12 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:04 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus75aad.pdf](#))