

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on February 9, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, 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 358, 2/5/2015; HB 384, 2/5/2015; SB 84, 2/5/2015;
SB 104, 2/5/2015; SB 164, 2/5/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON SB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:49 Sen. Mary McNally (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 84, Revise claims history considerations in insurance policies.

EXHIBIT(buh29a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:14 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office (SAO)
00:08:44 Rep. Hunter arrived.
00:10:16 Bob Biskupiak, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAMT)
00:12:40 Ed Bartlett, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:45 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:18:55 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)
00:23:52 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCIAA), All State Insurance

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:42 Rep. Ricci
00:29:24 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:30:47 Chairman Berry
00:31:05 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:31:45 Chairman Berry
00:31:50 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:31:56 Rep. Noland
00:32:29 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:33:06 Rep. Noland
00:33:21 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:34:00 Rep. Olsen arrived.
00:34:46 Rep. Clark
00:35:09 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:35:48 Rep. Lang
00:36:07 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:36:21 Rep. Lang
00:36:37 Bruce Spencer, PCIAA; All State Insurance
00:36:51 Rep. Curdy
00:37:59 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:39:05 Rep. Welborn
00:40:13 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:40:50 Chairman Berry
00:41:00 Rep. Richmond
00:41:46 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

00:42:24 Rep. Richmond
00:42:34 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:42:44 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:43:12 Rep. Ricci
00:43:47 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:30 Sen. McNally

00:47:43 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON SB 164

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:09 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 164, Revise definitions for risks of skiing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:11 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Ski Area Association
[EXHIBIT\(buh29a02\)](#)
00:51:15 Randy Elliott, General Manager, Bridger Bowl Ski Area
[EXHIBIT\(buh29a03\)](#)
00:54:43 Ed Adams, Professor, Engineering Mechanics, Montana State University (MSU)
00:58:10 George Willette, Showdown Ski Area
01:02:20 Chairman Berry
01:02:30 Peter Bovingdon, Attorney
01:04:53 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:16 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
[EXHIBIT\(buh29a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:00 Rep. Pierson
01:10:18 Sen. Hoven
01:10:33 Rep. Pierson
01:10:57 Randy Elliott, Bridger Bowl Ski Area
01:11:03 Rep. Pierson
01:11:08 Randy Elliott, Bridger Bowl Ski Area
01:11:32 Rep. Pierson
01:12:15 Al Smith, MTLA
01:12:31 Rep. Staffanson
01:12:57 Peter Bovingdon, Attorney
01:13:07 Rep. Staffanson
01:13:14 Peter Bovingdon, Attorney

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:00 Sen. Hoven

01:15:58 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON SB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:20 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 104, Clarify massage therapy licensing requirements.

[EXHIBIT\(buh29a05\)](#) massage therapy

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:05 Judy Bovington, Chief Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(buh29a06\)](#)

01:20:09 Mona Jamison, Montana Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:13 Sen. Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:50 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 358, Generally revise laws related to licensed addiction counselors.

[EXHIBIT\(buh29a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh29a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:28 Judy Bovington, Chief Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

01:28:14 Linda Rogers, President, Montana Association of Addictions Professionals

01:39:48 Art Becker, Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC), Helena

01:41:48 Mona Jamison, Boyd Andrew Community Services, Montana Addiction Service Providers

01:46:15 Amy Tenney, Chief Executive Officer, Boyd Andrew Community Services, Licensed Addiction Counselor

01:46:45 Stephen King, Licensed Addiction Counselor

01:48:04 Derek Gibbs, Licensed Addiction Counselor, Lewistown

Opponents' Testimony:

01:49:16 Kimberly Gardner, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC), Intermountain Children's Home
01:59:01 John Wilkinson, Montana Chapter, National Association of Social Workers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:02:13 Rep. Pierson
02:02:41 Kimberly Gardner, LCSW, LCA
02:02:57 Rep. Pierson
02:03:09 Kimberly Gardner, LCSW, LCA
02:03:28 Rep. Moore
02:03:45 Rep. Lynch
02:03:57 Rep. Clark
02:04:19 Art Becker, LAC
02:04:33 Rep. Clark
02:04:44 Art Becker, LAC
02:04:51 Rep. Clark
02:04:59 Art Decker, LAC
02:05:02 Rep. Steenberg
02:05:19 Kimberly Gardner, LCSW, LAC
02:05:35 Rep. Hunter
02:05:53 Judy Bovington, DLI
02:06:03 Rep. Hunter
02:06:07 Judy Bovington, DLI
02:06:42 Chairman Berry
02:07:00 Rep. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:32 Rep. Lynch
02:09:05 Chairman Berry

02:09:13 Recessed.
02:21:28 Reconvened.

HEARING ON HB 384

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:21:33 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 384, Increase Montana's minimum wage

[EXHIBIT\(buh29a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh29a10\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:26:15 Kellie Goodwin McBride, Executive Director, YWCA, Helena
02:29:01 Theresa Ortega, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Ministries and Thrift Stores
02:33:20 Candice Hausauer, Self

02:35:19 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
02:37:39 Chris Cavazos, Co-Director, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations
02:38:05 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
02:39:42 Jacquie Helt, Montana State Director, SEIU Healthcare 775 NW
02:42:43 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project
EXHIBIT(buh29a11)
02:44:50 Terry Minnow, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
02:45:50 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network
02:46:11 Eric Anderson, Teamsters Union, Local #190

Opponents' Testimony:

02:47:19 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)
02:49:25 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)
02:52:59 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity, Montana

EXHIBIT(buh29a12)

02:58:57 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

EXHIBIT(buh29a13)

03:06:09 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:10:47 Rep. Kipp
03:11:59 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity
03:12:46 Rep. Kipp
03:13:55 Kellie Goodwin McBride, YWCA
03:14:02 Rep. Kipp
03:14:38 Kellie Goodwin McBride, YWCA
03:15:07 Rep. Olsen
03:16:55 Glenn Oppel, MCC
03:18:14 Rep. Olsen
03:18:31 Glenn Oppel, MCC
03:19:46 Rep. Pope
03:20:17 Judy Bovington, DLI
03:20:26 Rep. Pope
03:20:32 Judy Bovington, DLI
03:21:45 Chairman Berry
03:22:03 Brad Griffin, MRA

Closing by Sponsor:

03:22:29 Rep. Dunwell

03:24:31 Chairman Berry
03:25:12 Rep. Pope
03:25:52 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:26:20

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh29aad.pdf](#))