

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on February 12, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 449, 2/10/2015, SB 85, 2/9/2015; SB 163, 2/9/2015

Executive Action: HB 223, SB 85, SB 163

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON SB 85

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 85, Revise unemployment insurance collections and integrity oversight laws.

00:01:59 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived.

00:03:31 Rep. Kipp arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:04 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
[EXHIBIT\(buh32a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:22 Sen. Buttrey

00:05:33 Rep. Lang arrived.

HEARING ON SB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:54 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 163, Generally revise economic development laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:25 Sean Becker, Department of Commerce (DOC)

00:10:29 Sarah Converse, Executive Director, Sweetgrass Development, Montana
Economic Development Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:12 Rep. Salomon

00:12:33 Sean Becker, DOC

00:13:01 Rep. Salomon

00:13:14 Sean Becker, DOC

00:14:08 Rep. Salomon

00:14:21 Sean Becker, DOC

00:14:27 Rep. Hunter
00:14:50 Sean Becker, DOC
00:15:11 Rep. Hunter
00:15:33 Sean Becker, DOC
00:16:09 Chairman Berry
00:16:14 Sen. Buttrey
00:16:34 Rep. Curdy
00:17:15 Sean Becker, DOC
00:17:38 Rep. Clark
00:17:53 Sara Converse, Sweetgrass Development, Montana Economic Development
Association
00:18:27 Rep. Lang
00:18:42 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:09 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 449**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:06 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 449, Require fiscal notes to include business impact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:30 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity-Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:17 Ryan Evans, Assistant Director, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:26 Rep. Lang
00:30:50 Ryan Evans, OBPP
00:31:59 Rep. Lang
00:32:46 Ryan Evans, OBPP
00:33:41 Rep. Lynch
00:34:22 Ryan Evans, OBPP
00:35:16 Rep. Lynch
00:35:38 Ryan Evans, OBPP
00:36:07 Rep. Moore
00:36:42 Ryan Evans, OBPP
00:37:20 Rep. Pope
00:37:59 Ryan Evans, OBPP
00:39:32 Rep. Ricci
00:39:56 Rep. Wagoner
00:41:03 Rep. Kipp
00:43:03 Ryan Evans, OBPP

00:44:21 Rep. Kipp
00:44:56 Ryan Evans, OBPP
00:45:23 Rep. Kipp
00:45:29 Ryan Evans, OBPP
00:45:44 Rep. Noland
00:46:30 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity-Montana
00:48:34 Rep. Pope
00:49:39 Rep. Wagoner
00:50:20 Rep. Pope

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:41 Rep. Wagoner

00:52:17 Chairman Berry

00:52:53 Recessed.
01:02:18 Reconvened with Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Ricci absent.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 223

01:03:17 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 223 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:03:28 Chairman Berry

01:03:37 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 223 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh32a02)

Discussion:

01:04:22 Chairman Berry
01:04:31 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:05:38 Rep. Kipp returned to the meeting.
01:07:06 Chairman Berry
01:07:11 Rep. Pope
01:07:49 Rep. Clark
01:09:02 Rep. Lang
01:09:43 Rep. Clark
01:10:06 Rep. Staffanson
01:10:33 Rep. Hunter
01:11:23 Rep. Staffanson
01:11:33 Rep. Hunter
01:11:51 Rep. Lynch
01:12:40 Rep. Staffanson

01:13:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Olsen and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Ricci voted by proxy.

01:14:07 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 223 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:14:29 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:15:16 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 223 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh32a03)

Discussion:

01:15:32 Chairman Berry

01:15:43 Rep. Lynch

01:16:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-18 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen voting aye. Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Ricci voted by proxy.

01:16:39 Rep. Lang

01:17:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by voice vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Moore and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Ricci voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 85

01:18:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 85 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Ricci voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 163

01:19:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 163 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Ricci voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

01:19:38 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:20:42

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh32aad.pdf](#))