

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on February 16, 2015 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
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. Andrea Olsen (D)
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. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (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 17, 2/13/2015; HB 470, 2/12/2015; HB 503, 2/13/2015

Executive Action: SB 84

00:00:02 Vice Chair Salomon accepted the gavel.

HEARING ON HB 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 17, Require workers' compensation insurers to provide loss information.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:02:21 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON HB 503

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:40 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 503, Clarify loss-run insurance laws.

00:03:38 Rep. Staffanson arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:55 Bob Biskupiak, Independent Insurance Association of Montana (IIAM)

00:07:25 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCIAA), American Insurance Association (AIA)

00:10:28 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)

00:11:09 Bob Worthington, Montana Self Insurers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:07 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

00:14:18 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group

00:18:17 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

00:22:26 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA)

00:23:12 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:10 Rep. Moore

00:24:53 Frank Cote, BCBS

00:25:17 Rep. Hunter arrived.

00:25:32 Rep. Olsen
00:26:11 Rep. Berry
00:27:28 Rep. Olsen
00:27:45 Rep. Berry
00:28:35 Rep. Ricci
00:28:56 Rep. Berry
00:29:56 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:30:36 Bruce Spencer, PCIAA
00:31:35 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:31:53 Bruce Spencer, PCIAA
00:33:49 Chairman Salomon
00:34:08 Rep. Berry
00:34:14 Rep. Lynch arrived.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:28 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON HB 470

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:34 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 470, Generally revise guaranteed asset protection waiver laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:05 Jacqueline Lenmark, Guaranteed Asset Protection Alliance
00:39:17 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:40:01 Bruce Spencer, Property and Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA)
00:40:24 Lorraine Schneider, Staff Attorney, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:48 Rep. Olsen
00:41:53 Lorraine Schneider, DOA
00:42:07 Rep. Olsen
00:42:35 Lorraine Schneider, DOA
00:45:06 Rep. Olsen
00:45:31 Lorraine Schneider, DOA
00:46:24 Rep. Clark
00:46:28 Rep. Olsen
00:46:37 Bruce Spencer, PCIAA
00:49:15 Rep. Olsen
00:49:28 Bruce Spencer, PCIAA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:13 Rep. Clark

00:50:54 Chairman Berry took the gavel.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84

00:51:19 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 84 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:52:06 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 84 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh35a01)

Discussion:

00:52:26 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:53:28 Chairman Berry

00:53:36 Rep. Ricci

00:53:41 Chairman Berry

00:54:23 Rep. Olsen

00:55:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Berry, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Lang, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Welborn voting no.

00:56:35 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 84 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:57:02 Chairman Berry

00:58:06 Rep. Olsen

00:58:35 Chairman Berry

00:58:40 Rep. Olsen

00:59:15 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)

01:00:35 Rep. Fitzpatrick

01:02:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Hunter, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pope, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Richmond and Rep. Steenberg voting aye.

01:02:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 84 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

01:02:53 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:03:18

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh35aad.pdf](#))