

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Tom Berry, on March 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (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. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (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: SB 192, 3/5/2015; SB 280, 3/5/2015; SB 281, 3/5/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

**HEARING ON SB 192**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:41 Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 192, Amend insurance freedom of choice for practitioners.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:24 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language Hearing Association (MSHA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh51a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh51a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh51a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh51a04\)](#)

00:07:14 Hillary Carter, Audiologist, Self

00:08:35 Crystal Dvorak, Audiologist, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:10 Emily Samhammer, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:37 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:12:13 Abigail St. Lawrence, MSHA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:00 Sen. Driscoll

00:14:11 Recessed.

00:50:51 Reconvened.

**HEARING ON SB 280**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:51:13 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 280, Generally revise loan agreement statute of frauds laws

[EXHIBIT\(buh51a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:58:02 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh51a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh51a07\)](#)

01:03:17 Benjamin Hursh, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh51a08\)](#)

01:08:23 Rep. Pierson arrived.

01:09:40 Steve Turkiewicz, Chief Executive Officer, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

**EXHIBIT(buh51a09)****EXHIBIT(buh51a10)**

01:15:36 Andy O'Neill, President, Valley Bank, Helena

01:20:04 Jim Brown, Montana Independent Bankers Association (MIB)

**EXHIBIT(buh51a11)**

01:25:43 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:26:24 Pat Freeland, Homeowner, Self

01:30:32 Richard Freeland, Homeowner, Self

01:34:18 Kacey Olson, Homeowner Self

01:40:12 Donna Peterson, Homeowner, Self

01:43:28 Theresa Bybee, Homeowner, Self

**EXHIBIT(buh51a12)**

01:48:10 Kim Wilson, Attorney, Self

**EXHIBIT(buh51a13)**

01:53:07 Stan Frasier, Self

01:56:22 Elaine Dahl, Attorney, Montana Legal Services Association, Keep My Montana Home

**EXHIBIT(buh51a14)**

01:58:15 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project (MOP)

01:59:08 Tom Rasmussen, Homeowner, Self

02:00:38 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

**EXHIBIT(buh51a15)****Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:07:12 Rep. Ricci

02:07:52 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank

02:08:33 Rep. Olsen

02:09:08 Steve Turkiewicz, MBA

02:09:41 Rep. Olsen

02:10:17 Steve Turkiewicz, MBA

02:10:53 Rep. Lang

02:12:01 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank

02:12:58 Rep. Lang

02:13:08 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank

02:13:49 Rep. Clark

02:14:02 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank

02:14:18 Rep. Moore

02:14:38 Steve Turkiewicz, MBA

02:14:52 Rep. Pope

02:15:43 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank

02:15:54 Rep. Pope

02:16:43 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank

02:17:34 Rep. Pope

02:18:49 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank

02:18:52 Rep. Lang

02:19:29 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank  
02:19:59 Rep. Noland  
02:20:19 Aimee Grmoljez, MBA  
02:21:27 Rep. Noland  
02:21:54 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank  
02:22:14 Rep. Olsen  
02:23:09 Kim Wilson, Attorney  
02:24:23 Rep. Olsen  
02:25:00 Kim Wilson, Attorney  
02:25:21 Rep. Hunter  
02:26:27 Aimee Grmoljez, MBA  
02:28:21 Rep. Hunter  
02:28:41 Kim Wilson, Attorney  
02:29:36 Rep. Staffanson  
02:30:18 Benjamin Hursh, MBA  
02:31:55 Rep. Pierson  
02:32:36 Al Smith, MTLA  
02:32:40 Rep. Kipp  
02:32:48 Aimee Grmoljez, MBA  
02:33:17 Rep. Kipp  
02:34:32 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank  
02:34:55 Rep. Kipp  
02:35:00 Andy O'Neill, Valley Bank  
02:35:08 Rep. Lynch  
02:35:26 Kim Wilson, Attorney

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:36:02 Sen. Moore

**HEARING ON SB 281**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:39:16 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 281,  
Generally revise consumer protection damage laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:41:43 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)  
02:45:11 Benjamin Hursh, Attorney, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)  
02:47:00 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Banking Association (MBA)  
02:48:59 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:49:18 Robert Farris-Olsen, Attorney, Helena  
02:54:57 Stan Frasier, Helena, Self  
02:56:59 Elaine Dahl, Attorney, Montana Legal Services Association (MSLA), Keep My  
Montana Home  
02:57:19 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)  
02:59:28 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project (MOP)  
02:59:57 Theresa Bybee, Homeowner, Self  
03:01:33 Donna Peterson, Homeowner, Self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:02:31 Rep. Olsen  
03:03:27 Steve Turkiewicz, MBA  
03:04:18 Rep. Pierson  
03:04:37 Sen. Moore  
03:04:47 Rep. Pierson  
03:05:14 Sen. Moore  
03:05:33 Rep. Lynch  
03:05:52 Sen. Moore  
03:06:02 Rep. Pope  
03:06:39 Sen. Moore  
03:06:57 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:07:24 Sen. Moore  
  
03:09:55 Chairman Berry

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:10:16

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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**EXHIBIT([buh51aad.pdf](#))**