

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on March 27, 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. 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. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

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 99, 3/25/2015; SB 259, 3/25/2015

Executive Action: SB 99, SB 234, SB 307, SB 347, SB 365, SB 379

00:00:02 Chairman Berry
00:00:31 Rep. Clark arrived.
00:00:58 Rep. Welborn arrived.
00:05:12 Chairman Berry left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 259

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:02 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 259, Revising workers' compensation and occupational health and safety assessments.

EXHIBIT(buh64a01)

00:04:21 Rep. Olsen arrived
00:07:24 Chairman Berry returned.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:34 Diana Ferriter, Administrator, Employee Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

EXHIBIT(buh64a02)

00:12:25 Rep. Hunter arrived.
00:20:13 Bob Worthington, Co-Vice Chair, Labor Management Advisory Council. (LMAC)
00:25:09 Don Judge, Co-Vice Chair, LMAC
00:31:35 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)
00:33:17 Chris Cavazos, Montana American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
00:33:44 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)
00:36:08 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
00:37:24 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCIAA)
00:37:56 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
00:38:14 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:01 Sen. Tutvedt

00:40:11 Chairman Berry

00:40:19 Recessed.
00:45:37 Reconvened.

HEARING ON SB 99**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:51 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 99, Revise insure Montana small business health insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:50 Sen. Gordon Vance

00:51:16 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

EXHIBIT(buh64a03)

00:57:02 Kit Johnson, J-4 Automotive, Helena, Self

00:58:10 Yvette Worman, Sleep Diagnostics, Inc., Helena, Self

00:59:59 Ralph Dennis, Owner/Director, Green Meadow Auto Salvage, Helena, Self

01:01:53 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

01:02:24 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

01:03:09 Kori Dee, Jacoby and Dee Insurance, Helena, Self

01:04:15 Julie Dess, small business employee, Self

01:05:49 Terra Hall, small business owner, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(buh64a04)

01:07:07 Melanie Hahlbohm, Park Avenue Bakery, Helena, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:38 Rep. Hunter

01:09:01 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

01:09:54 Rep. Hunter

01:10:06 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

01:11:05 Rep. Lang

01:11:19 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

01:11:28 Rep. Lang

01:11:33 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

01:11:56 Rep. Steenberg

01:12:12 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

01:12:33 Renee Little, Insure Montana

01:13:15 Rep. Steenberg

01:13:22 Renee Little, Insure Montana

01:13:54 Rep. Olsen

01:14:18 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

01:14:56 Rep. Lang

01:15:29 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

01:15:45 Rep. Lang

01:16:05 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

01:16:17 Renee Little, Insure Montana

01:18:27 Rep. Lang

01:19:05 Renee Little, Insure Montana

01:19:17 Rep. Pierson arrived.

01:19:23 Rep. Ricci

01:19:49 Renee Little, Insure Montana
01:20:41 Chairman Berry

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:02 Jill Cohenour

01:22:40 Chairman Berry

01:24:17 Recessed.
01:59:35 Reconvened with all members present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 99

01:59:43 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 99 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:59:55 **Motion:** Rep. Pope moved that **SB 99 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh64a05)

Discussion:

02:00:15 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:01:05 Chairman Berry
02:01:17 Sen. Cohenour
02:02:58 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
02:03:27 Pat Murdo, LSD
02:04:36 Chairman Berry
02:04:41 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

02:05:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by voice vote with Rep. Lang, Rep. Noland,
Rep. Ricci and Rep. Staffanson voting no.

02:05:40 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 99 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:05:54 Rep. Hunter
02:06:39 Rep. Pope

02:07:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Moore will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 234

02:08:22 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 234 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:08:45 Chairman Berry
02:09:09 Rep. Steenberg

02:09:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Steenberg will carry the bill.

*Note: Rep. Lynch had agreed earlier to carry this bill. Carrier was redesignated from Rep. Steenberg to Rep. Lynch March 30, 2015 per Chief Clerk's Office.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 307

02:09:57 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 307 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:10:05 Chairman Berry
02:10:12 Pat Murdo, LSD

EXHIBIT(buh64a06)

02:10:38 Chairman Berry

02:10:49 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 307 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:11:22 Pat Murdo, LSD

02:12:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:12:40 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 307 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:12:51 Rep. Clark
02:13:21 Rep. Moore
02:13:35 Rep. Pope
02:14:01 Rep. Lynch
02:14:18 Rep. Olsen
02:15:03 Rep. Kipp

02:15:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Berry, Rep. Clark, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Lang, Rep. Noland, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Welborn voting no. Rep. Moore will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 347

02:16:57 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 347 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:17:07 Chairman Berry

02:17:26 Rep. Lynch

02:17:36 Rep. Curdy

02:18:03 Rep. Salomon

02:18:26 Rep. Steenberg

02:18:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Curdy will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 365

02:19:03 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 365 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:19:14 Chairman Berry

02:19:29 Rep. Hunter

02:20:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Hunter, Rep. Lang and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 379

02:21:18 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 379 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:21:28 Chairman Berry

02:21:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 390

02:21:55 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 390 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:22:10 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 390 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh64a07)

Discussion:

02:23:03 Pat Murdo, LSD
02:25:02 Chairman Berry
02:25:10 Rep. Olsen
02:25:51 Rep. Lang

02:26:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:26:03 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 390 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:26:10 Rep. Olsen
02:26:21 Chairman Berry
02:27:02 Rep. Hunter
02:28:02 Chairman Berry

02:28:09 Without objection, Rep. Salomon withdrew the **BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED** motion.

02:28:46 Rep. Moore
02:28:49 Chairman Berry
02:28:53 Rep. Lynch

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84

02:30:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lynch moved that **SB 84 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Hunter, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope, Rep. Richmond and Rep. Steenberg voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 244

02:31:54 **Motion:** Rep. Noland moved that **SB 244 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

02:32:14 Rep. Noland
02:32:54 Pat Murdo, LSD
02:33:03 Chairman Berry
02:33:11 Pat Murdo, LSD

02:33:38 Rep. Lang
02:33:43 Pat Murdo, LSD

02:34:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Clark, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Noland, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Welborn voting aye.

02:35:18 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
[EXHIBIT\(buh64a08\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(buh64a09\)](#)

02:35:54 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:36:46

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh64aad.pdf](#))