

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 30, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, 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 129, 1/21/2015; SB 158, 1/21/2015; SB 174, 1/21/2015; HB 110, 1/26/2015

Executive Action: SB 63, SB 41, SB 53, SB 81, SB 119, SB 163, SB 22

**HEARING ON SB 129**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:58 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 129. Allow for establishment of recovery centers for certain health care services.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:47 Steve Loveless, CEO, St. Vincent Healthcare/SCLHS hospitals  
 00:07:21 Tom Donohoe, general counsel, SCL Health System  
 00:14:58 Anthony Roccisano, MD, orthopedic spine surgeon, Ortho Montana  
 00:17:34 Ralph Costanzo, MD, orthopedic surgeon, Ortho Montana  
 00:19:57 Michael Bush, MD, emergency physician, chief medical officer; St. Vincent Healthcare; speaking as a patient  
 00:21:19 Dennis Maier, MD, general surgeon, Billings; chair, Quality Safety committee, St. Vincent Healthcare  
 00:22:27 Jon Campagnola, CEO, Denver healthcare facility; St. Vincent Healthcare  
 00:23:44 Rob Gagnon, executive director, Yellowstone Surgery Center  
 00:24:40 Mike Foster, Catholic hospitals in Montana, also speaking for St. Patrick Hospital (SPH); Providence Health & Services (PHS)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:26:45 Kevin Pitzer, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital (BDH)  
 00:36:39 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
 00:39:47 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Hospital, Benefis Hospital  
 00:40:13 Jason Spring, North Valley Hospital (NVH), Whitefish  
 00:42:23 Mark Baker, Kalispell Regional Healthcare

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:37 Sen. Vuckovich  
 00:45:35 Sen. Webb  
 00:48:07 Sen. Facey  
 00:49:01 Mr. Donohoe, SCL  
 00:49:52 Sen. Facey  
 00:53:17 Mr. Pitzer, BDH  
 00:53:42 Sen. Connell  
 00:57:27 Mr. Foster, PHS (redirect)  
 00:57:35 Sen. Connell  
 00:58:23 Mr. Donohoe  
 01:00:05 Sen. Brown  
 01:02:01 Mr. Spring, NVH  
 01:02:10 Sen. Whitford  
 01:02:51 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 01:03:01 Sen. Whitford  
 01:04:03 Mr. Pitzer

01:05:37 Sen. Arntzen  
01:06:46 Mr. Donohoe

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:08:30 Sen. Webb  
01:10:41 Chairman Buttrey  
01:12:12 Recess  
01:17:28 Reconvened

**HEARING ON SB 158**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:17:37 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 158. Provide for pay check fairness laws.

[EXHIBIT\(bus21a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:22:27 Pam Bucy, commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), also speaking on behalf of Governor Bullock

[EXHIBIT\(bus21a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus21a03\)](#)

01:26:33 Sheila Hogan, director, Department of Administration (DOA)  
01:29:25 Lenette Kosovich, Montana citizen  
01:31:56 Sarah Howell, executive director, Montana Women Vote; also speaking for Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
01:34:39 Jacque Helt, Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force, Service Employees International Union 775 (SEIU)  
01:38:44 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana citizen; member, Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force; member, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
01:40:34 Stacie Anderson, executive director, Carol's List  
01:44:46 Kim Rickard, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Montana State Building and Construction Trades,  
01:46:46 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 233 (IBEW)  
01:47:09 Jen Euell, Women's Foundation of Montana, Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force  
01:51:53 Tara Jensen, co-director, Montana Budget and Policy Center  
01:52:55 Sarah Halvorson, Montana citizen, professor at University of Montana  
01:55:23 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:55:59 Sen. Connell  
 02:00:17 Ms. Hogan, DOA  
 02:00:28 Sen. Arntzen  
 02:04:59 Ms. Bucy, DLI  
 02:05:28 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
 02:05:37 Ms. Jensen (redirect)  
 02:06:51 Barbara Wagner, chief economist, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
 02:08:52 Chairman Buttrey  
 02:15:19 Ms. Bucy  
 02:15:50 Chairman Buttrey  
 02:17:28 Ms. Hogan  
 02:18:34 Sen. Whitford  
 02:19:53 Ms. Bucy  
 02:20:08 Chairman Buttrey  
 02:20:23 Sen. Facey  
 02:21:37 Ms. Bucy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:22:56 Sen. Sands  
 02:24:39 Chairman Buttrey  
  
 02:24:49 Recess  
 02:31:52 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 110**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:32:19 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 110. Clarify educational requirements for board of funeral services.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:33:00 John Tarr, public member and chair, Montana Board of Human Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
 02:34:13 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI); also speaking for Erin MacLean, Montana Funeral Directors Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus21a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:35:53 Sen. Vuckovich  
 02:37:14 Ms. Bovington, DLI

02:37:26 Sen. Connell  
02:38:35 Mr. Tarr, DPHHS  
02:39:46 Sen. Facey  
02:39:58 Ms. Bovington  
02:40:34 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
02:41:44 Mr. Tarr

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:42:52 Rep. Holmlund  
  
02:43:59 Chairman Buttrey  
02:44:12 Rep. Holmlund  
02:44:17 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 174**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:44:24 Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 174. Revise laws related to funds managed by cemetery association trustees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:46:45 John Stephenson-Love, president, Great Falls Cemetery Association (GFCA)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus21a05\)](#)

02:55:38 Chris Reiquam, trustee, Great Falls Cemetery Association (GFCA); retired past president, US Bank, Great Falls; president, Benefis Healthcare System

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:57:36 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:58:23 Sen. Brown  
02:59:07 Sen. Sheehy Moe (redirect)  
02:59:24 Sen. Brown  
02:59:39 Mr. Blattie, MACo  
02:59:58 Chairman Buttrey  
03:00:34 Mr. Blattie  
03:01:51 Sen. Facey  
03:02:42 Mr. Reiquam, GFCA  
03:03:15 Sen. Arntzen  
03:03:55 Mr. Blattie

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:04:48 Sen. Sheehy Moe

03:05:48 Chairman Buttrey

03:06:29 Recess

03:19:54 Reconvene

Sen. Smith left the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 63**

03:19:57 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **HB 63 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

03:20:12 Mr. Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

03:20:39 Sen. Connell

03:21:16 Sen. Arntzen

03:21:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Vuckovich will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 41**

03:22:05 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 41 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

03:22:18 Sen. Facey

03:24:26 Sen. Brown

03:25:01 Chairman Buttrey

03:25:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Brown voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 53**

03:25:52 **Motion:** Sen. Stewart-Peregoy moved that **SB 53 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

03:26:05 Mr. Walker, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(bus21a06\)](#)

03:26:45 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 53 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

03:27:00 Sen. Connell  
03:27:53 Mr. Walker  
03:27:56 Sen. Connell

03:28:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

03:28:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Stewart-Peregoy moved that **SB 53 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81**

03:29:01 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 81 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

03:29:17 Mr. Walker  
[EXHIBIT\(bus21a07\)](#)

03:31:01 Sen. Facey  
[EXHIBIT\(bus21a08\)](#)

03:31:51 Sen. Vance  
03:31:55 Chairman Buttrey

03:31:55 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 81 BE AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

03:32:47 Sen. Arntzen  
03:34:11 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

03:35:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

03:36:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Stewart-Peregoy moved that **SB 81 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 119**

03:37:14 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 119 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

03:37:31 Mr. Walker  
[EXHIBIT\(bus21a09\)](#)

03:38:27 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 119 BE AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

03:38:43 Sen. Brown  
03:39:28 Sen. Connell

03:39:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

03:40:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 119 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 163**

03:40:34 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 163 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

03:40:56 Sen. Facey  
03:41:27 Chairman Buttrey  
03:41:35 Sen. Brown  
03:42:18 Chairman Buttrey

03:42:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

03:42:44 Sen. Vance  
03:42:52 Chairman Buttrey  
03:42:59 Sen. Facey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 22**

**Discussion:**

03:43:27 Sen. Facey  
03:43:58 Chairman Buttrey

03:44:06 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 22 BE TABLED**.

03:44:16 Chairman Buttrey

03:44:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Buttrey and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Smith was excused.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:47 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus21aad.pdf](#))**