

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 24, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: Sen. Cary Smith (R)

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 365, 2/20/2015; SB 377, 2/20/2015; SB 379, 2/20/2015; SB 390, 2/21/2015

Executive Action: SB 379, SB 377, SB 365, SB 307, SB 358, SB 390

HEARING ON SB 379

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:45 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 379. Revise Workers Compensation Laws Related To Administrative Expenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:04 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)

00:04:11 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association; also speaking for Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:16 Jesse Laslovich, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:36 Sen. Brown

00:07:42 Ms. Butler, MSF

00:07:46 Sen. Facey

00:08:08 Ms. Butler

00:08:33 Sen. Whitford

00:09:35 Ms. Butler

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:50 Sen. Vance

HEARING ON SB 377

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:39 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 377. Revise definition of prepaid legal insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:56 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com (LZ)

[EXHIBIT\(bus42a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:08 Jesse Laslovich, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:45 Sen. Vuckovich
00:25:43 Mr. Laslovich, CSI
00:27:25 Sen. Facey
00:28:19 Ms. Lenmark, LZ
00:28:38 Sen. Facey
00:29:19 Mr. Laslovich
00:29:39 Chairman Buttrey
00:29:44 Mr. Laslovich
00:29:53 Sen. Arntzen
00:32:12 Ms. Lenmark

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:50 Sen. Connell
00:35:35 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:45 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 390. Study fees charged relating to boards.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:39:10 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:53 Sen. Arntzen
00:41:05 Vice Chair Arntzen assumed the role of Chair.

HEARING ON SB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:14 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 365. Generally revise liquor license laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:38 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association, also speaking on behalf of the
Montana Restaurant Association
00:44:35 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:45:15 Shauna Helfert, Liquor Control Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:34 Sen. Facey
00:47:32 Ms. Helfert, DLI
00:47:57 Sen. Vuckovich
00:49:38 Ms. Helfert (redirect)
00:50:08 Sen. Buttrey
00:50:59 Sen. Brown
00:52:23 Ms. Helfert
00:52:51 Chairman Arntzen
00:53:01 Ms. Helfert
00:53:11 Sen. Whitford
00:53:45 Sen. Buttrey
00:54:48 Sen. Facey
00:55:49 Ms. Helfert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:57 Sen. Buttrey
00:57:26 Vice Chair Arntzen

Sen. Buttrey assumed the position of Chair.

00:57:43 Chairman Buttrey
00:58:31 Recess
01:26:00 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 365

01:26:13 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 365 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:26:20 Chairman Buttrey
01:26:26 Sen. Facey

01:26:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. D. Brown and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 377

01:27:06 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 377 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT(bus42a02)

01:27:29 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 377 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:27:51 Chairman Buttrey
01:27:55 Sen. Brown
01:28:15 Chairman Buttrey

01:28:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. D. Brown and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

01:28:50 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 377 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:29:10 Sen. Arntzen
01:30:14 Sen. Vuckovich
01:30:21 Sen. Facey
01:30:39 Sen. Connell
01:31:24 Sen. Facey
01:31:35 Sen. Vuckovich
01:31:40 Sen. Facey

01:32:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 379

01:33:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 379 DO PASS.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 390

01:33:50 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 390 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:33:59 Sen. Arntzen
01:34:48 Chairman Buttrey

01:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 307

01:35:26 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 307 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:35:40 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:40:34 Sen. Brown

01:41:58 Sen. Facey

01:42:19 Sen. Connell

01:43:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused.

01:43:36 Sen. Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 358

01:43:44 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 358 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT(bus42a03)

01:44:17 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 358 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:44:23 Chairman Buttrey

01:45:09 Sen. Facey

01:45:17 Sen. Arntzen

01:45:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused.

01:45:37 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 358 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:46:03 Sen. Facey

01:46:13 Chairman Buttrey

01:46:17 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI)

01:49:38 Sen. Brown

01:49:48 Jesse Laslovich, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance,
Montana State Auditor (CSI)

01:50:09 Sen. Facey

01:51:10 Sen. Connell

01:51:27 Chairman Buttrey

01:51:31 Sen. Facey

01:51:50 Sen. Connell

01:53:16 Sen. Brown

01:54:09 Sen. Connell

01:55:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Whitford voting aye. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

01:56:09 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arntzen made a substitute motion that **SB 358 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused.

Committee Business:

01:56:43 Chairman Buttrey

01:56:45 Sen. Arntzen

01:57:41 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:03 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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