

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 16, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dee Brown (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: HB 542, 3/9/2015

**HEARING ON HB 542**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:05 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 542. Generally revise tourism council laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:35 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:48 Sen. Connell  
00:06:40 Rep. Hertz  
00:07:10 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:07:42 Rep. Hertz  
00:08:29 Chairman Buttrey  
00:08:37 Sen. Arntzen  
00:08:49 Rep. Hertz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:06 Rep. Hertz Connell

00:09:31 Chairman Buttrey

**Committee Business:**

00:10:10 Sen. Vance  
00:10:16 Chairman Buttrey  
00:10:24 Sen. Vance  
00:10:29 Sen. Arntzen  
00:10:36 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:12 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus54aad.pdf](#))**