

June 29 Economic Affairs Committee Time Line for Audio Minutes

00:00.19 Call to order and roll call, introduction of spouses of two committee members.
00:02.50 Rep. Roberts joins the call.
00:03.03 Sen. Brown moved to approve minutes.
00:03.24 Review of agenda, including: review of assistance programs provided by health care boards and Rep. Roberts' interest in the issue; the presentation on potential areas that could be trimmed to help the state balance its next budget; review of SJR 14; work on the workers' compensation study; committee members' bill draft requests and a letter on brucellosis vaccinations to Yellowstone National Park; an update on the cost of premiums for the Montana Affordable Care Plan; and a review of Liberty Northwest's overall decrease in work comp rates.
00:12.50 Rep. Roberts provides an introduction to the medical impairment program.
00:22.27 Sen. Keane outlines presentation format for panel - how to address problems and how to address issues.
00:23.50 Mike Bertagnolli, Board of Pharmacy
00:26.34 Dr. David Johnson, Board of Dentistry
00:28.00 Dr. Mary Ann Guggenheim, Board of Medical Examiners
00:35.38 Brenda Schye, Board of Nursing
00:38.54 Emery Jones, Montana Assistance Program
00:44.57 Mike Ramirez, Montana Professional Assistance Program
00:49.59 Questions from the Committee. Sen. Hansen, Sen. Brown
00:59.24 Questions/Comments from the Committee. Rep. Roberts
01:07.21 Rep. Roberts' suggestion for a subcommittee.
01:07.46 Sen. Keane appoints Rep. Hunter to subcommittee, names Rep. Roberts chair
01:08.27 Sen. Keane comments on commercial driver license and drug testing
01:10.09 Sen. Zinke question about statistics on drug issues.
01:11.20 Dr. Johnson
01:12.21 Emery Jones
01:12.54 Mike Ramirez
01:14.12 Bart Campbell - Rule Review
Break
01:28.59 Sen. Keane introduces Legislative Finance Committee section of agenda
01:29.28 Sen. Carol Williams - overview of presentation purpose
01:31.32 Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh - budget and policy issues
01:32.33 Kris Wilkinson - discussion of options included in reference book
01:33.41 Matt Stayner - review of reference book options under Economic Affairs purview
01:53.52 Questions from the Committee. Rep. Reinhart, Rep. Vance, Sen. Zinke
02:00.32 Comments from Rep. Hollenbaugh, Sen. Williams, Rep. Reinhart, Rep. Hunter
02:08.22 Response from Jerry Keck, Dept. of Labor and Industry
02:09.34 Question from Sen. Zinke
02:10.44 Call for comments from committee by Sen. Keane
02:11.00 Sen. Williams' wrap-up
02:12.28 Sen. Keane call for public comment
02:12.31 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
02:14.47 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business
02:15.49 Don Judge, Montana Injured Workers' Resource Council
02:17.13 Hope Stockwell, SJR 14 study on laboratories
02:26.43 Jason Miller, Labor-Management Advisory Council, update on work comp issues
02:30.21 Riley Johnson, Labor-Management Advisory Council
02:36.13 Jerry Keck, Dept. of Labor and Industry
02:54.27 Questions from the Committee. Sen. Zinke, Sen. Brown, Rep. Hunter
03:09.27 Public Comment
03:09.41 Stacy Temple-St. John, attorney
03:16.51 Dick Martin, attorney

03:18.33 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
 03:24.00 Catherine Dunlap, Rehabilitation Association of Montana
 03:29.14 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association
 03:32.25 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
 03:34.14 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
 03:35.50 Mike Foster, representing all the Catholic hospitals in Montana
 03:36.16 Comments from Sen. Keane
 03:38.31 Endorsement of sending letter on SJR 14
 Break for Lunch
 04:45.39 Meeting called back to order
 04:45.50 Pat Murdo, SJR 30 review of exemptions and liability issues
 05:00.32 Ed Noonan, Myrna Loy Theatre, on volunteer or performer coverage by nonprofits
 05:06.07 Kevin Lauer, Gallatin Gateway Rural Fire District
 05:12.58 Jerry Keck, Dept. of Labor and Industry
 05:19.20 Questions from the Committee. Sen. Keane, Sen. Hansen, Rep. Vance
 05:21.50 Bart Campbell comments on limited liability companies
 05:25.58 Ed Noonan comment on coverage of volunteers, education
 05:27.28 Kris Wilkinson, overview of classification issues
 05:30.47 Tom Kallenbach, president of Eliminite
 05:33.34 Amanda Knuteson, marketing for Eliminite
 05:38.59 Questions from the Committee. (none)
 05:39.26 Discussion involving Amanda Knuteson, Dick Root, Montana State Fund
 05:42.06 Questions from the Committee. Sen. Keane (re fire departments)
 05:42.44 Dick Root, Montana State Fund
 05:44.45 Questions from the Committee. Rep. Reinhart (re Eliminite)
 05:49.35 Laurence Hubbard, Montana State Fund
 05:53.15 Public Comment (none)
 05:53.42 Rep. Reinhart - Committee member bills
 05:53.55 Review by Bart Campbell
 05:56.11 Discussion
 06:00.55 Public Comment - Laurence Hubbard
 06:05.07 Rep. Hunter - Committee member bills, State Fund Board Composition
 06:08.04 Public Comment - Laurence Hubbard
 06:10.35 Rep. Hunter - Committee member bills, Choice by State of Work Comp Insurers
 06:13.42 Sen. Keane - Rep. Hunter re: HIPAA subcommittee report
 06:15.50 Sen. Keane - request for fix to LLC work comp problem - voluntary firefighter issue
 06:18.40 Rep. Vance - financial impacts of bills
 06:20.54 Sen. Keane - moved for informal fiscal notes. Vote unanimous
 06:21.16 Rep. Vance - Board of Livestock definition of order
 06:21.47 Bart Campbell explanation
 06:26.10 Questions from the Committee. Sen. Hansen
 06:27.07 Sen. Keane - re: merger of Departments of Agriculture and Livestock. Bart Campbell comments
 06:29.45 Pat Murdo - re letter to Yellowstone National Park on brucellosis issues
 06:33.20 Discussion. Question from Sen. Hansen regarding recipients. Rep. Vance. Rep. Reinhart. Motion
 Break
 06:51.43 Sen. Keane acknowledged Sen. Hansen's last meeting. Sen. Hansen comments
 06:53.37 Public comment/ No State Fund liaison update/ Liberty Northwest Loss Costs./Options for other
 work comp legislation - State Fund interim reporting and "grace period" for nonpayments.
 07:03.07 Sen. Keane - requested informal fiscal note of agencies for bill drafts.
 07:05.10 Adjourned.