

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on January 9, 2007
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

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 58, 1/8/2007; HB 59, 1/8/2007;
HB 65, 1/8/2007; HB 106, 1/8/2007;
HB 111, 1/8/2007
Executive Action: HB 106

HEARING ON HB 58**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 58, Increase unemployment benefit/allow if leave job for spouse's military transfer.

EXHIBIT(buh05a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:35 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, Retired U.S. Army, Montana
American Legion
00:10:26 Don Judge, Teamsters' Local 190
00:10:42 Rep. Stahl arrived at the meeting.
00:12:31 Jason Miller, Montana State AFL-CIO
00:13:05 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers
00:13:19 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:02 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

00:15:13 Roy Mulvaney, Department of Labor & Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:41 Rep. Dutton
00:16:01 Rep. Keane
00:17:18 Rep. Dutton
00:17:59 Mr. Mulvaney
00:18:09 Rep. Furey
00:18:19 Mr. Mulvaney
00:19:18 Rep. VanDyk
00:19:25 Mr. Mulvaney
00:19:58 Rep. Jones
00:20:40 Mr. Mulvaney
00:20:57 Rep. Heinert
00:21:10 Mr. Mulvaney
00:21:30 Rep. Reinhart
00:21:39 Mr. Mulvaney
00:22:06 Chairman Mendenhall
00:22:23 Mr. Mulvaney
00:26:43 Rep. Dutton
00:26:53 Mr. Mulvaney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:46__Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:06 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 59, Revise unemployment insurance assessments and rate schedules.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:40 Keith Kelly, Department of Labor & Industry
00:36:28 Rep. Augare arrived
00:36:57 Mr. Mulvaney
00:43:34 Jason Miller, Montana State AFL-CIO

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:08 Rep. Dutton
00:44:33 Mr. Mulvaney
00:45:58 Rep. Jones
00:46:02 Mr. Mulvaney
00:48:32 Rep. Heinert
00:48:41 Mr. Mulvaney
00:49:18 Chairman Mendenhall
00:49:30 Mr. Mulvaney
00:51:17 Chairman Mendenhall
00:51:24 Mr. Kelly
00:51:45 Rep. Artnzen
00:52:13 Mr. Mulvaney
00:52:58 Rep. Artnzen
00:53:05 Rep. Keane
00:53:31 Chairman Mendenhall
00:53:38 Rep. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:54 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:01 Rep. Dan Villa(D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 65, Revise uninsured employer's subsequent injury fund-increase dept. inspect. auth.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:18 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor & Industry

[EXHIBIT\(buh05a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh05a03\)](#)

01:14:33 George Wood, Montana Self-Insurer's Association

[EXHIBIT\(buh05a04\)](#)

01:18:11 Don Judge, Montana Injured Worker's Resource Council,
Teamster's Local 190

01:22:54 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

01:24:27 Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority

01:25:01 Shawn Bubb, Montana Schools' Group Insurance Authority

01:25:59 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association

01:29:03 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:39 Rep. Dutton

01:31:18 Mr. Keck

01:35:50 Rep. Arntzen

01:36:20 Rep. Villa

01:37:18 Mr. Keck

01:38:17 Rep. VanDyk

01:39:01 Mr. Keck

01:39:32 Chairman Mendenhall

01:40:09 Mr. Smith

01:41:55 Rep. Jones

01:43:53 Mr. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:39 Rep. Villa

HEARING ON HB 106

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:03:57 Rep. Douglas Cordier(D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 106, Remove Commerce as ombudsman regarding Flathead Lake management.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:05:23 Anna Marie Moe, Department of Commerce

02:06:52 Carl Schweitzer, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:07:42 Rep. VanDyk

02:08:18 Ms. Moe

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:39 Rep. Cordier

HEARING ON HB 111

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:09:04 Rep. Kevin Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 111, Revise unemployment insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:10:34 Roy Mulvaney, Department of Labor & Industry

02:16:49 Don Judge, Montana Nurses' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:19:09 Chairman Mendenhall
02:19:50 Mr. Mulvaney
02:21:33 Rep. Dutton
02:22:16 Mr. Mulvaney
02:23:56 Bart Campbell
02:24:35 Chairman Mendenhall
02:25:11 Roy Mulvaney
02:26:10 Rep. Artnzen
02:26:35 Roy Mulvaney
02:27:09 Mr. Campbell

Closing by Sponsor:

02:28:14 Rep. Furey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 106

02:29:01 **Motion/Vote:** REP. KEANE moved that **HB 106 DO PASS**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy
Boy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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