

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on January 18, 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)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

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 145, 1/11/2007; HB 168,
1/11/2007; HB 173
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:16 Rep. Jon Sonju (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 145, Clarify building code inspections in certified county and city programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:06 Jack Kane, Dept of Labor & Industry

00:09:04 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

[EXHIBIT](#) (buh12a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:04 Rep. Heinert

00:11:02 Mr. Kane

00:15:30 Rep. Stahl

00:15:58 Mr. Kane

00:16:43 Rep. Arntzen

00:16:58 Mr. Kane

00:18:42 Rep. Reinhart

00:19:08 Mr. Kane

00:20:35 Rep. Keane

00:21:04 Mr. Kane

00:21:22 Rep. Dutton

00:22:16 Mr. Kane

00:24:05 Rep. Jones

00:24:51 Mr. Kane

00:26:12 Rep. Windy Boy

00:26:38 Mr. Kane

00:28:41 Rep. Mendenhall

00:29:01 Mr. Kane

00:29:39 Rep. Reinhart

00:29:52 Mr. Kane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:12 Rep. Sonju

HEARING ON HB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:40 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 168, Clarify state fund obligation to provide default coverage.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:46 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:22 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:29 Rep. Milburn
00:37:25 Ms. Butler
00:37:50 Rep. Keane
00:38:19 Ms. Butler
00:40:51 Rep. Jones
00:41:44 Ms. Butler
00:42:16 Rep. Dutton
00:42:46 Ms. Butler
00:45:38 Curtis Larsen, Montana State Fund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:30 Rep. Cohenour
00:50:00 Break

HEARING ON HB 173

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:27 Rep. Douglas Cordier (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 173, Revise weighted average discount ratio for liquor stores.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:45 Chris Byrd, Liquor Store Owners' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:59:26 Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association

01:01:07 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue

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01:07:11 Mr. Staples

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:09 Rep. Heinert

01:25:42 Ms. Helfert

01:26:01 Rep. Klock

01:26:37 Ms. Helfert

01:26:56 Rep. Boggio

01:28:02 Ms. Helfert

01:29:25 Rep. Mendenhall

01:30:40 Ms. Helfert

01:32:09 Rep. Keane

01:32:20 Ms. Helfert

01:32:27 Rep. Augare

01:32:45 Mr. Byrd

01:34:22 Rep. Milburn

01:34:57 Ms. Helfert

01:36:38 Rep. Reinhart

01:37:40 Ms. Helfert

01:38:01 Rep. Dutton

01:38:25 Ms. Helfert

01:39:26 Mr. Staples

01:40:01 Rep. Dutton

01:40:27 Mr. Staples

01:41:25 Ms. Helfert

01:42:44 Rep. Dutton

01:43:10 Ms. Helfert

01:43:20 Rep. Heinert

01:43:39 Ms. Helfert

01:45:19 Rep. Heinert

01:46:06 Mr. Byrd

01:50:46 Rep. Keane

01:51:28 Ms. Helfert

01:52:20 Rep. Keane

01:52:32 Mr. Staples

01:55:05 Rep. Keane

01:55:43 Mr. Byrd

01:55:48 Rep. Furey

01:56:18 Mr. Staples

01:58:07 Rep. Mendenhall

01:58:33 Ms. Helfert

01:58:47 Bart Campbell

01:59:32 Ms. Helfert

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:05__Rep. Cordier

ADJOURNMENT

02:01:03 Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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