

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on January 22, 2007
at 9:00 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

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 286, 1/19/2007; HB325,
1/19/2007; HB 333, 1/19/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 333

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:48 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 333, Parimutuel wagering for match bronc and wild horse races.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:21 Donald Richard, Board of Governors, Bucking Horse Sale Incorporated

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:11:20 Sam Murfitt, Montana Board of Horse Racing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:38 Rep. Milburn
00:12:53 Mr. Murfitt
00:16:05 Rep. Heinert
00:16:44 Rep. McChesney
00:17:12 Mr. Richard
00:19:21 Rep. Mendenhall
00:19:27 Mr. Murfitt
00:20:29 Rep. Arntzen
00:20:46 Mr. Richard
00:22:14 Rep. Heinert
00:22:35 Mr. Richard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:17 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:40 Rep. Ernie Dutton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 325, Allow employer to require payment of employees by electronic transfers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:17 Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:41 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers (IBEW)

00:34:09 Jason Miller, Montana State AFL-CIO

Informational Testimony:

00:35:33 Randy Morris, Department of Administration

00:35:53 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor & Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:12 Rep. Milburn

00:36:25 Mr. Morris

00:36:43 Rep. Keane

00:37:00 Mr. Keck

00:38:05 Rep. Mendenhall

00:38:28 Rep. Dutton

00:39:28 Rep. Heinert

00:40:01 Rep. Dutton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:23 Rep. Dutton

[EXHIBIT \(buh14a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 286

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:53 Rep. Shannon Augare (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on
HB 286, Revise allocation or workforce training funds
to high poverty areas.

[EXHIBIT \(buh14a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:43 Olivia Riutt, Working for Equality & Economic
Liberation (WEEL)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:10 Rep. Milburn

00:49:35 Rep. Augare
00:50:40 Rep. Jones
00:51:35 Rep. Augare
00:51:58 Rep. Keane
00:52:09 Ingrid Childress, Department of Labor & Industry
00:53:57 Rep. Heinert
00:54:27 Rep. Augare
00:55:43 Rep. Jones
00:55:55 Ms. Childress
00:57:56 Rep. Dutton
00:58:30 Ms. Childress
01:00:17 Rep. Heinert
01:00:36 Ms. Childress
01:01:16 Rep. Milburn
01:01:29 Ms. Childress
01:02:08 Rep. Dutton
01:02:21 Ms. Childress
01:03:02 Rep. Mendenhall
01:03:54 Rep. Augare
01:04:00 Rep. Keane
01:04:18 Rep. Mendenhall

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:33 Rep. Augare

ADJOURNMENT

01:05:22 Adjournment: 10:00 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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