

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on January 23, 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 (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 158, 1/19/2007; HB 319,
1/19/2007; HB 348, 1/19/2007
Executive Action: HB 348

HEARING ON HB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:25 Rep. Bill Glaser (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 319, Revise law on construction and highway contracts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:29 Carl Schweitzer
00:13:23 Zach Pallister, Montana Subcontractors' Association
00:14:51 Bill Abney, Montana Subcontractors' Association
00:15:09 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
00:18:02 Margaret Morgan, Greater Montana Independent Electrical Contractors

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:19:01 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:25 Rep. Keane
00:19:47 Mr. Schweitzer

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:18 Rep. Glaser

HEARING ON HB 348

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:57 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 348, Increase out-of-state snowmobile fees.

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:19 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association
00:29:09 Chris Smith, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT \(buh15a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:28 Rep. Van Dyk

00:32:04 Ms. Wiggers

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:05 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 158

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:48 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 158, Revise laws governing corporate filings.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:28 Michael O'Brien, Secretary of State's Office

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a03\)](#)

00:42:24 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:43:47 Mark Simonich, Secretary of State's Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:21 Rep. Reinhart

00:44:43 Mr. O'Brien

00:45:08 Rep. Keane

00:45:32 Mr. O'Brien

00:47:21 Rep. Furey

00:47:42 Mr. Galt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:28 Rep. Jones

Informational Discussion on HB 286 with Department of Commerce

00:50:35 Andy Poole, Department of Commerce

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a04\)](#)

00:56:07 Rep. Milburn

00:57:00 Mr. Poole

00:59:46 Rep. Mendenhall

01:00:04 Mr. Poole

01:02:32 Rep. Milburn
01:02:57 Rep. Arntzen
01:03:25 Mr. Poole
01:06:14 Rep. Mendenhall
01:06:42 Mr. Poole

EXHIBIT (buh15a05)

01:09:01 Rep. Keane
01:09:15 Mr. Poole
01:11:34 Break

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 348

01:33:23 Bart Campbell
01:34:42 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 348 **DO PASS**.
01:34:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 348 **BE AMENDED**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Windy
Boy, Augare, Jones, and Boggio voted by proxy.
01:35:59 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 348 **DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion

01:36:08 Rep. Arntzen
01:37:03 Rep. Mendenhall

01:37:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps.
Windy Boy, Augare, Jones, and Boggio voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:38:20 Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh15aad.pdf](#))