

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN SCOTT MENDENHALL**, on January 26, 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 344, 1/22/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 344**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:09 Rep. Jack Wells (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 344, Right to work.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:31 Roald Torgerson  
00:14:47 Dave Kasten, House District 30  
00:17:17 Rick Jore, House District 12  
00:18:34 Greg Hagenston

**EXHIBIT (buh18a01)**

00:20:07 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
00:21:38 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

**EXHIBIT (buh18a02)**

00:22:19 John Hagen

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:23:33 Jason Miller, Montana State AFL-CIO

**EXHIBIT (buh18a03)**

00:28:17 Jacquie Helt, Local 247, Montana AFL-CIO  
00:30:58 Quentin Nyman, Montana Public Employees' Association (MPEA)  
00:32:15 Brad Molnar  
00:36:48 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association  
00:39:24 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity  
00:42:29 J. D. Lynch, Montana State Building Trades  
00:44:12 Jim Larson, Teamster's Union  
00:44:26 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)  
00:46:09 Annie Glover, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers  
00:46:28 Jim Farrell, Montana Democratic Party  
00:47:25 Don Kinman, American Federal State/County Municipal Employees  
00:47:56 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
00:48:11 Dan Flynn  
00:48:29 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers  
00:48:44 Jim Murray  
00:49:07 Mike Boysza, Carpenters' Union  
00:49:20 Kim Greco

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:47 Rep. Furey  
00:50:11 Rep. Wells  
00:51:32 Rep. Milburn  
00:52:18 Mr. Miller  
00:53:28 Mr. Nyman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:23 Rep. Wells

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:07:25 Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([buh18aad.pdf](#))**