

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on January 29, 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)
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 248, 1/26/2007; HB 390,
1/23/2007; HB 430, 1/26/2007
Executive Action: HB 248

HEARING ON HB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:35 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 248, Disclosure requirements for consumer service warranties sold.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:16 Court Jensen, Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a01\)](#)

00:06:41 Jacqueline Lenmark, Service Contract Industry Council

00:07:06 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

00:07:18 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: None

HEARING ON HB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:25 Rep. Bill Nooney (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 390, Telephone account wagering on internet horse racing.

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:52 Tom Tucker, Montana Simulcast Partners

00:14:30 Ben Carlson, Director of Racing, Yellowstone Downs

00:17:47 Scott Meader, Western Montana Fairgrounds, Missoula

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:37 Robert Alfred

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:30:18 Sam Murfitt, Montana Board of Horse Racing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:39 Rep. Keane
00:33:11 Mr. Murfitt
00:35:20 Rep. Keane
00:35:31 Mr. Tucker
00:36:38 Rep. Heinert
00:37:23 Mr. Tucker
00:38:43 Rep. Dutton
00:39:13 Mr. Murfitt
00:43:39 Rep. Dutton
00:43:51 Mr. Alfred
00:46:21 Rep. Mendenhall
00:47:27 Rep. Nooney
00:47:57 Mr. Murfitt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:22 Rep. Nooney
00:59:05 Break

HEARING ON HB 430

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:46 Rep. John Musgrove (D), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 430, Use unclaimed gift card funds to fund affordable housing loan account.

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:14 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue
01:21:14 Dave Hunter, Department of Revenue
01:26:32 Judy Smith, Homeward, The Housing Montana Fund

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a06\)](#)

01:30:55 Michael O'Neil, Montana Home Choice

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a07\)](#)

01:35:16 Boyce Fowler, AARP

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a08\)](#)

01:37:25 Rep. Betsy Hands, HD 99
01:39:06 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)
01:40:36 Sheila Rice, Montana Home Ownership Network
01:42:22 Betty Beverly, Montana Senior Citizens Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:42:54 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

EXHIBIT (buh19a09)

01:49:28 Dennis Lopach, Montana Retail Association

EXHIBIT (buh19a10)

01:52:51 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers' Association

01:53:56 Charles Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

01:55:21 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chambers of
Commerce

01:56:59 Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman and Kalispell Chambers of
Commerce

01:57:35 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:58:42 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business

Informational Testimony:

01:59:42 Court Jensen, Department of Justice

02:00:43 Bruce Brensdal, Montana Board of Housing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:56 Rep. Reinhart

02:02:07 Mr. Hunter

02:04:19 Rep. Heinert

02:04:48 Mr. Hunter

02:05:28 Rep. Milburn

02:05:57 Mr. Hunter

02:06:42 Rep. Keane

02:06:55 Rep. Musgrove

02:07:06 Rep. Dutton

02:07:29 Rep. Musgrove

02:08:20 Rep. Dutton

02:08:50 Mr. Brensdal

02:11:51 Rep. Heinert

02:12:05 Mr. Brensdal

02:13:19 Rep. Klock

02:13:33 Mr. Hunter

02:13:57 Rep. Arntzen

02:14:26 Mr. Hunter

02:14:38 Mr. Baerlocher

02:15:54 Rep. Mendenhall

02:16:11 Mr. Hunter

02:17:07 Rep. Dutton

02:17:51 Mr. Hunter

02:18:25 Mr. Griffin

Closing by Sponsor:

02:18:48 Rep. Musgrove

02:21:32 Rep. Mendenhall

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248

02:23:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Augare moved that HB 248 **BE TABLED**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice
vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:24:10 Adjournment: 11:25 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh19aad.pdf](#))