

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on February 15, 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. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (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 646, 2/13/2007; HB 652,
2/13/2007
Executive Action: Committee Bills (2); HB 646; HB
652; HB 633; HB 601; HB 600

HEARING ON HB 646

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:39 Rep. Edward Butcher (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 646, Require testing in English for professional/occupational & driver licenses.

EXHIBIT (buh34a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:39 Rep. Heinert
00:09:50 Rep. Butcher
00:10:25 Rep. Furey
00:13:14 Rep. Butcher
00:15:02 Rep. Dutton
00:15:21 Rep. Butcher
00:15:39 Rep. Mendenhall
00:15:48 Rep. Butcher
00:16:08 Rep. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:37 Rep. Butcher

HEARING ON HB 652

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:01 Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 652, Community benefit agreements.

EXHIBIT (buh34a02)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:11 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association
00:26:43 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:54 Rep. Furey
00:30:30 Mr. Griffin
00:31:06 Rep. Milburn
00:31:17 Rep. McAlpin
00:32:36 Rep. Heinert
00:33:21 Rep. McAlpin
00:34:18 Rep. Windy Boy
00:34:36 Rep. McAlpin
00:35:01 Rep. Reinhart
00:35:15 Rep. McAlpin
00:37:15 Rep. Reinhart
00:37:28 Mr. Griffin
00:40:55 Rep. Reinhart
00:41:07 Rep. McAlpin
00:41:52 Rep. Boggio
00:42:43 Rep. Mendenhall
00:43:49 Rep. McAlpin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:09 Rep. McAlpin
00:46:52 Break

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL**Discussion on Potential Committee Bill About Stored Value Gift Cards/Housing Authority Funds:**

01:05:12 Rep. Jones
01:07:46 Bart Campbell
01:09:37 Rep. Jones
01:10:03 Rep. Furey
01:10:16 Mr. Campbell
01:11:05 Rep. Jones
01:11:24 Rep. Mendenhall

01:11:30 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that Committee Bill **BE DRAFTED.**

Discussion:

01:11:52 Rep. Keane
01:12:38 Rep. Mendenhall
01:13:36 Rep. Keane
01:14:32 Rep. Windy Boy
01:15:10 Rep. Keane

01:15:36 Without objection Rep. Jones withdrew his motion to begin drafting a Committee Bill.

01:15:56 Rep. Keane

01:16:22 Mr. Campbell

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL

Discussion on Potential Committee Bill About Work Force Investment Programs

01:16:50 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that Committee Bill **BE DRAFTED**.

Discussion:

01:19:28 Rep. Milburn

01:20:14 Rep. Windy Boy

01:20:28 Rep. Jones

01:21:09 Rep. Keane

01:21:26 Rep. Jones

01:22:01 Rep. Furey

01:22:18 Mr. Campbell

01:24:03 Rep. Heinert

01:24:17 Mr. Campbell

01:24:29 Rep. Jones

01:24:45 Mr. Campbell

01:25:17 Rep. Mendenhall

01:25:31 Rep. Jones

01:25:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 646

01:26:44 **Motion:** Rep. Milburn moved that HB 646 **DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:26:54 Rep. Keane

01:27:23 Rep. Furey

01:27:36 Bart Campbell

01:29:01 Rep. Milburn

01:29:27 Rep. Thomas

01:30:37 Rep. Windy Boy

01:30:51 Rep. Jones

01:31:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 0-16 by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

01:32:19 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane made a substitute motion that HB 646 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 652

01:32:42 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 652 **DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:32:58 Rep. Furey
01:34:03 Rep. Jones
01:35:30 Rep. Reinhart
01:35:40 Rep. Boggio
01:36:31 Rep. Reinhart
01:37:30 Rep. Windy Boy
01:37:56 Rep. Milburn
01:38:30 Rep. Mendenhall

01:39:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-11 by roll call vote with Reps. Augare, Furey, Keane, Reinhart, and Windy Boy voting aye. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

01:40:41 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane made a substitute motion that HB 652 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 633

01:41:18 **Motion:** Rep. Dutton moved that HB 633 **DO PASS**.
01:41:46 **Motion:** Rep. Dutton moved that HB 633 **BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT (buh34a03)

Discussion:

01:43:28 Rep. Klock
01:44:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.
01:44:57 **Motion:** Rep. Dutton moved that HB 633 **DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:46:06 Rep. Windy Boy

01:46:34 Rep. Dutton

01:46:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-2 by voice vote with Reps. Augare and Windy Boy voting no. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 601

01:48:00 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that HB 601 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:47:09 Rep. Arntzen

01:49:16 Rep. Keane

01:49:31 Rep. Milburn

01:50:44 Rep. Windy Boy

01:51:24 Rep. Dutton

01:52:13 Rep. Reinhart

01:53:33 Rep. Mendenhall

01:55:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Reps. Augare, Furey, Keane, Reinhart, Thomas, Van Dyk, and Windy Boy voting aye. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

01:56:24 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane made a substitute motion that HB 601 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 600

01:56:49 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 600 **DO PASS.**

EXHIBIT (buh34a04)

Discussion:

01:57:18 Rep. Jones

01:58:37 Rep. Windy Boy

01:59:26 Rep. Keane

01:59:56 Rep. Dutton

02:00:08 Rep. Keane

02:00:24 Rep. Mendenhall

02:01:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-13 by roll call vote with Reps. Keane, Reinhart, and Van Dyk voting aye. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

02:01:58 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Milburn made a substitute motion that HB 600 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL-STORED VALUE GIFT CARDS

02:02:13 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that Committee Bill **BE DRAFTED**.

Discussion:

02:03:16 Rep. Arntzen

02:03:52 Rep. Mendenhall

02:04:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Van Dyk, Augare, and Stahl voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:04:32 Adjournment: 10:10 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh34aad.pdf](#))