

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 7, 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: SB 43, 3/2/2007; SB 323, 2/21/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 43

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:41 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 43, Revise licensing requirements of petroleum measuring device if ownership changes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:14 Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry
00:07:29 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers' Convenience Store Operators
00:07:54 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:36 Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 323

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:29 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 323, Limit duration of certificate of public advantage.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:18 John Goodnow, CEO, Benefis Healthcare
EXHIBIT (buh48a01)
00:27:56 John Flink, An Association of Montana Health Care Providers (MHA)
EXHIBIT (buh48a02)
00:32:45 Chris Ebeling, Benefis Healthcare Board of Directors
EXHIBIT (buh48a03)
00:35:12 Mary Sheehy Moe, Benefis Healthcare Board of Directors
EXHIBIT (buh48a04)
00:38:46 Earl Old Person, Chief, Blackfeet Nation
EXHIBIT (buh48a05)
00:46:53 Dr. John Bloemendaal, Orthopedic Surgeon, Benefis Healthcare
00:50:46 Vickie Hatzenbeller, Benefis Healthcare

00:51:02 Eric Sletten, Sletten Construction Company
00:51:16 Cherry Loney, Community Health Care
00:51:37 Kelli Meuchel, North Central Montana Physicians IPA
[EXHIBIT \(buh48a06\)](#)

00:51:56 Dr. Marcus Johnson, North Central Montana Physicians
IPA

[EXHIBIT \(buh48a07\)](#)

00:52:16 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT \(buh48a08\)](#)

00:52:30 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic
00:52:45 Edward Suni Little Bloom, Blackfeet Tribal Council
00:53:03 Phillip Rattler, Blackfeet Liaison
00:53:29 Jim Christensen, Pondera Medical Center
00:53:45 Moe Wosepka, Montana Catholic Conference
00:54:18 Mark Cross, Marias Medical Center
00:54:35 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:09 Dr. Steve Akre, Great Falls Clinic

[EXHIBIT \(buh48a09\)](#)

01:00:03 Jane Drolet, Central Montana Hospital

01:04:09 Dr. Steven Chrzanowski, Great Falls Clinic and Central
Montana Hospital

01:08:45 Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic and Central Montana
Hospital

[EXHIBIT \(buh48a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(buh48a11\)](#)

Additional Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:59 Dr. Charles Jennings

[EXHIBIT \(buh48a12\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:46 Rep. Furey
01:27:20 Sen. Laslovich
01:28:13 Rep. Reinhart
01:28:36 Ms. Jamison
01:30:20 Rep. Reinhart
01:36:09 Mr. Goodnow
01:37:47 Rep. Milburn
01:38:23 Dr. Akre
01:40:49 Rep. Dutton
01:45:11 Mr. Goodnow
01:46:24 Rep. Milburn

01:47:59 Mr. Goodnow
01:48:49 Rep. Jones
01:52:41 Mr. Goodnow
01:54:13 Rep. Jones
01:58:47 Dr. Akre
01:59:58 Rep. Jones
02:00:35 Mr. Goodnow
02:03:56 Rep. Dutton
02:12:10 Mr. Goodnow
02:14:01 Rep. Jones
02:14:59 Mr. Goodnow
02:18:06 Rep. Jones
02:18:31 Dr. Akre
02:19:23 Rep. Furey
02:20:08 Mr. Goodnow
02:20:32 Rep. Mendenhall
02:20:57 Mr. Goodnow

Closing by Sponsor:

02:24:37 Sen. Laslovich

ADJOURNMENT

02:34:04 Adjournment: 10:35 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh48aad.pdf](#))