

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 20, 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: SB 114, 3/14/2007; SB 206,
3/14/2007; SB 258, 3/14/2007; SB
265, 3/14/2007

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:19 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 206, Health insurance incentives for Medicaid healthcare workers.

EXHIBIT (buh59a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:18 Bill Woody, President Wood Hill Nursing, Missoula, Montana
00:11:50 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:13:20 Sandy Jankowski, Volunteer Advocate for AARP
00:15:15 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
00:18:53 Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association
00:19:52 Diane Holland, Nightingale Nursing, Missoula, Montana
00:23:50 Susan Palmer, Nightingale Nursing, Missoula, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:27:23 Kelly Williams, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:24 Rep. Keane
00:28:57 Ms. Williams
00:34:32 Rep. Thomas
00:34:48 Sen. Cobb
00:38:13 Rep. Mendenhall
00:38:36 Ms. Hughes
00:40:18 Rep. Mendenhall
00:42:48 Ms. Williams
00:46:32 Rep. Dutton
00:46:51 Sen. Cobb
00:48:36 Rep. Reinhart
00:48:50 Sen. Cobb
00:50:02 Rep. Reinhart
00:50:11 Ms. Holland

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:26 Sen Cobb

HEARING ON SB 258

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:13 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 258, Deny licenses and license renewal to illegal aliens.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:10 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers, Local 233

01:01:59 Paul Nachman

[EXHIBIT \(buh59a02\)](#)

01:06:15 Gene Williams, Hamilton, Montana

01:09:11 Mary Beveridge

[EXHIBIT \(buh59a03\)](#)

01:12:52 Lynn Stumberg, Eagle Forum

01:14:34 Carl Schweitzer, Montana Subcontractors' Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:15:21 Mark Cadwallader, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT \(buh59a04\)](#)

01:25:24 Cathy Day, Policy Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana of Montana

[EXHIBIT \(buh59a05\)](#)

01:29:22 Amanda Arnold, Montana Human Rights Network

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:41 Rep. Keane

01:32:22 Mr. Cadwallader

01:35:46 Rep. Reinhart

01:40:56 Sen. Shockley

01:43:54 Rep. Milburn

01:44:10 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:31 Sen. Shockley

HEARING ON SB 265

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:49:15 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 265, Revising premium provisions of the comprehensive health association plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:51:05 Erin McGowan Fincham, State Auditor's Office

01:53:47 Frank Cote, Montana Comprehensive Health Association

[EXHIBIT \(buh59a06\)](#)

01:58:37 Del Lonquist, Volunteer for AARP

[EXHIBIT \(buh59a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:40 Rep. Keane

02:01:09 Mr. Cote

02:01:17 Rep. Milburn

02:01:22 Ms. McGowan Fincham

02:03:26 Rep. Reinhart

02:03:35 Ms. McGowan Fincham

02:04:37 Rep. Mendenhall

02:04:47 Ms. McGowan Fincham

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:15 Sen. Kitzenberg

02:07:03 Break

HEARING ON SB 114

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:18:45 Sen. Lane Larson (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 114, Revise construction lien laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:19:48 Carl Schweitzer, Montana Subcontractors' Association

02:26:06 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 233

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:26:48 Rep. Mendenhall
02:27:37 Mr. Schweitzer
02:30:49 Rep. Mendenhall
02:30:59 Sen. Larson
02:31:15 Rep. Keane
02:31:26 Sen. Larson

Closing by Sponsor:

02:33:01 Sen. Larson

ADJOURNMENT

02:34:27 Adjournment: 10:35 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh59aad.pdf](#))