

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 21, 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. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
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 209, 3/14/2007; SB 214,
3/14/2007; SB 426, 3/14/2007; SJ
17, 3/14/2007; SB 540, 3/16/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SJ 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Sen. Jim Elliott (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on SJ 17, Jobs, trade, and democracy resolution.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:19 Don Judge, Teamsters' Local 190
00:09:57 Tracy Houck, Montana Farmers' Union
00:14:19 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics
00:15:21 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers' Union
00:17:22 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO
00:18:45 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:00 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
00:26:10 Darin Argenbright, Montana Grain Growers' Association
00:28:22 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers' Association
00:30:19 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:27 Rep. Van Dyk
00:33:07 Mr. Rice
00:36:34 Rep. Heinert
00:37:18 Mr. Youngberg

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:18 Sen. Elliott

HEARING ON SB 540

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:41 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 540, Revise law on sale of gambling equipment.

[EXHIBIT \(buh60a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:39 Clint Walker
00:57:49 Alisha Walker

00:59:09 Ron Turner, Owner of Cowboy Cabin, Whitefish, Montana

01:01:53 Ella Turner

Opponents' Testimony:

01:03:57 Gene Huntington, Gambling Control Division, Department
of Justice

EXHIBIT (buh60a02)

01:12:22 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators; and for
Rich Miller, Gambling Industry Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:11 Rep. Keane

01:18:24 Sen. Jackson

01:19:04 Rep. Keane

01:19:22 Mr. Huntington

01:20:35 Rep. Keane

01:20:45 Rep. Thomas

01:21:10 Sen. Jackson

01:24:55 Rep. Milburn

01:28:28 Mr. Huntington

01:29:08 Rep. Keane

01:29:34 Ms. Wiggers

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:50 Sen. Jackson

HEARING ON SB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:33:16 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB
214, Independent contractor exemption for certain
corporate officers.

EXHIBIT (buh60a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:38:02 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

01:38:44 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:40:01 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:32 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 209

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:42:09 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 209, Transfer registered process servers to Board of Private Security Patrol Officers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:45:16 Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

EXHIBIT(buh60a04)

01:48:04 Leo Dutton, Montana Board of Private Security Patrol Officers' and Investigators

EXHIBIT(buh60a05)

01:49:03 Jeff Koch, Equity Process Management, Missoula, Montana

01:49:39 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

01:50:05 Wayne Johnston, Department of Labor and Industry

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:22 Rep. Dutton

01:51:15 Mr. Koch

01:52:19 Rep. Dutton

01:52:42 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:34 Sen. Essman

01:55:11 Break

HEARING ON SB 426

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:18:45 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 426, Revise attorney fees for medical benefits in work comp cases.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:22:34 Tom Murphy, Montana Trial Lawyers' Association
02:27:44 Sen. Greg Lind
02:29:17 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association
02:31:16 Jim Hunt, Attorney, Helena, Montana
02:34:15 Bob Olson, MHA
02:36:16 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO
02:37:22 Norm Newhall, Attorney, Great Falls, Montana; and for Dr. Allen Ward and Dr. Michael Lockett, Great Falls Orthopedics

EXHIBIT (buh60a06)

02:39:27 Don Judge, Teamsters' Local 190 and Montana Injured Workers' Resource Council

EXHIBIT (buh60a07)

02:46:11 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers' Association
02:48:48 Sandy Curriero Luckey, President, Big Sky Central Labor Council and Montana Pharmacy Paraprofessionals
02:49:29 Kim Greco, Business Local 1686

Opponents' Testimony:

02:49:58 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association
02:57:23 Larry Jones, Liberty Northwest
03:01:37 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
03:04:13 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
03:05:53 Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority; and for Shawn Bubb, Montana School Group Insurance Authority
03:08:14 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
03:08:49 Les Graham, Montana Farm Bureau and Montana Agriculture Safety Program
03:09:34 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business
03:10:09 Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers' Association
03:10:59 Doug Nulle
03:13:12 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Contractors' Association
03:13:53 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties
03:14:29 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chambers of Commerce
03:14:43 George Wood, Montana Self Insurers' Association

Informational Testimony:

03:15:04 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:15:28 Rep. Van Dyk
03:16:13 Mr. Murphy
03:18:19 Rep. Dutton
03:18:51 Mr. Murphy
03:23:44 Rep. Arntzen
03:24:09 Mr. Judge
03:25:15 Rep. Mendenhall
03:28:56 Mr. Keck
03:29:30 Rep. Mendenhall
03:29:56 Sen. Jent

Closing by Sponsor:

03:30:48 Sen. Jent

ADJOURNMENT

03:37:17 Adjournment: 11:40 A.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh60aad.pdf](#))