

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 18, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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 53, 1/9/2007; SB 54, 1/9/2007;
SB 153, 1/9/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:31 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 53

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:08 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47**, opened the hearing on **SB 53**, Establish procedures for professional and occupational licensing boards.

EXHIBIT (bus12a01)

Proponents:

00:10:58 Mona Jamison, Montana Physical Therapist Association

00:14:32 Steve Yeakel, Montana Funeral Director's Association

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:16:17 Joan Caldwell, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

00:16:35 Lisa Addington, Bureau Chief, Health Care Licensing, DLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:14 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Cocchiarella

00:22:28 Sen. Squires to Sen. Cocchiarella

00:30:13 Sen. Brown to Sen. Cocchiarella

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:52 Sen. Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:46 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47**, opened the hearing on **SB 54**, Generally revise professional and occupational licensing boards.

EXHIBIT (bus12a02)

Proponents:

00:42:38 Robert Throssell, Idaho/Montana Chapter of Architects Society

00:43:49 Shelley Engler, Architectural Engineer

00:46:15 Kent Watson, Licensed Landscaper, and Architects, and Idaho/Montana Chair for Chapter of Architects Society

00:48:25 Ron Yates, Licensed Landscaper and Architect

00:51:07 William Grant, Practicing Architect

EXHIBIT (bus12a03)

00:55:10 James Kembel, Montana Board of Architects, DLI

EXHIBIT (bus12a04)

00:55:53 Mike Dowling, Montana Chapter of Architects

00:59:25 Sen. Jackson

Opponents:

Informational Testimony:

00:59:56 Jill Caldwell, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing, DLI

01:00:13 Lisa Addington, BC Health Care Licensing, DLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:49 Sen. Squires to Jill Caldwell, DLI

01:03:41 Sen. Squires to Mark Cadwallader, DLI

01:06:02 Sen. Ryan to Mark Cadwallader, DLI

01:07:47 Sen. Brown to Mike Dowling, Montana Chapter of Architects

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:34 Sen. Cocchiarella

HEARING ON SB 153

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:13 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47**, opened the hearing on **SB 153**, Revise professional and occupational licensing laws.

[**EXHIBIT \(bus12a05\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT \(bus12a06\)**](#)

Proponents:

01:14:17 Jack Kane, Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

01:18:14 Peggy Ternk, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

01:18:52 Sue Weingartner, Executive Director, Optometric Association

[**EXHIBIT \(bus12a07\)**](#)

01:19:55 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

01:21:26 Tonya Brekee, President of Acupuncturist Association

01:22:53 Jane Hamman, Montana Association Acupuncturist and Oriental Medicine

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:25:24 Roy Kemp, Deputy Administrator, Quality Assurance Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:06 Sen. Tropila to Peggy Ternk, MAR

01:26:48 Sen. Tropila to Jill Caldwell, DLI

01:27:21 Sen. Balyeat to Jill Caldwell, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Cocchiarella

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:35 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus12aad.pdf](#))