

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 2, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 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 343, 1/30/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:12:19 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

**HEARING ON SB 343**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:46 **SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20**, opened the hearing on **SB 343**, Revise laws relating to insurance adjusters.

**Proponents:**

00:17:33 Ric Holden, Insurance Adjuster, Former Senator,  
Glendive

**EXHIBIT (bus23a01)**

00:26:51 Lee Richardson, Self

**Opponents:**

00:28:42 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company, and  
representing Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance  
Association (AIA)

00:34:38 Dwight Easton, Montana Insurance Companies

**EXHIBIT (bus23a02)**

00:37:12 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers Association of  
America (PCIAA)

00:41:53 Amy Mento, Attorneys Liability Protection Society  
(ALPS)

00:42:55 Erin McGowan-Fincham, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:06 Sen. Cocchiarella to Ric Holden

00:49:41 Sen. Cocchiarella to Mary Arnold, SAO

00:50:46 Sen. Esp to Larry Kibbee, PCIAA

00:52:41 Sen. Esp to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
Company

00:55:18 Sen. Brown to Erin McGowan-Fincham, SAO

00:57:01 Sen. Brown to Mary Arnold, SAO

00:58:17 Sen. Balyeat to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
Company

01:02:36 Sen. Cocchiarella to Mary Arnold, SAO

01:02:53 Sen. Squires to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
Company

01:13:10 Sen. Esp to Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
Company

01:13:54 Sen. Esp to Sen. Bales

01:15:59 Sen. Cocchiarella to Mary Arnold

01:16:29 Sen. Esp to Mary Arnold, SAO

01:17:46 Sen. Balyeat to Mary Arnold, SAO

01:20:14 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:20:41 Sen. Balyeat to Lee Richardson

01:23:41 Sen. Balyeat to Lee Richardson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:26:20 Sen. Bales

**Discussion:**

01:29:22 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:20 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus23aad.pdf](#))**