

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 6, 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: HB 76, 2/23/2007; HB 137,
2/23/2007; HB 65, 2/23/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:06:43 Chairwoman Cocchiarella

HEARING ON HB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:38 **REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37**, opened the hearing on **HB 76**, Revise and clarify administrative procedures and appeals for human rights laws.

Proponents:

00:09:48 Jerry Keck, Administrator, Employment Relations Bureau, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

EXHIBIT (bus47a01)

Opponents:

00:14:49 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:53 Sen. Tropila to Jerry Keck, DLI

00:18:54 Sen. Brown to Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

00:21:07 Sen. Cocchiarella to Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

00:23:00 Sen. Squires to Jerry Keck, DLI

00:25:51 Sen. Ryan to Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

00:27:02 Sen. Ryan to Mike Malloy, Attorney, Human Rights Commission

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:05 Rep. McNutt

HEARING ON HB 137

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:58 **REP. DAN VILLA (D), HD 86**, opened the hearing on **HB 137**, Revise microbusiness development law.

Proponents:

00:37:00 Quinn Ness, Montana Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT (bus47a02)

00:39:29 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Corporation

00:40:31 Sheldon Bartel, Montana Business Assistance Connection

EXHIBIT (bus47a03)

00:42:08 Sen. Jerry Black

00:43:29 Ronda Wiggers, Helena and Great Falls Chambers of Commerce

00:44:31 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

00:44:45 Janice Copeland, Headwaters Resource and Development Council

00:45:18 Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development Corporation

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:59 Sen. Ryan to Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Corporation

00:47:30 Sen. Balyeat to Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Corporation

00:49:03 Sen. Balyeat to Quinn Ness, DOC

00:51:56 Sen. Balyeat to Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

00:54:10 Sen. Esp to Rep. Villa

00:55:34 Sen. Ryan to Andy Poole, DOC
00:57:02 Sen. Squires to Rep. Villa
00:57:48 Sen. Brown to Rep. Villa
00:59:16 Sen. Esp to Rep. Villa
00:59:33 Sen. Esp to Andy Poole, DOC
01:02:09 Sen. Balyeat to Andy Poole, DOC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:46 Rep. Villa

HEARING ON HB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:41 **REP. DAN VILLA (D), HD 86**, opened the hearing on **HB 65**,
Revise uninsured employer's subsequent injury fund-
increase dept. inspect. auth..

Proponents:

01:10:00 Jerry Keck, Administrator, Employment Relations Bureau,
DLI

EXHIBIT (bus47a04)

01:22:32 Don Judge, Montana Injured Workers Resource Council,
and Teamsters Local 190
01:28:54 Shawn Bubb, Montana School Board Association
01:32:37 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO
01:34:44 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund
01:35:11 Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority
(MMIA)
01:37:02 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers Association, also
spoke for Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association
01:39:31 George Wood, Montana Self-Insurers Association

01:40:06 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:40 Sen. Tropila to Rep. Villa

01:41:04 Sen. Jackson to Don Judge, Montana Injured Workers Resource Council, and Teamsters Local 190

01:42:17 Sen. Jackson to Bob Worthington, MMIA

01:43:49 Sen. Esp to Jerry Keck, DLI

01:47:55 Sen. Squires to Riley Johnson, NFIB

01:50:01 Sen. Jackson to Larry Kibbee, PCIAA

01:51:39 Sen. Jackson to Jerry Keck, DLI

01:53:32 Sen. Squires

01:55:01 Sen. Cocchiarella to Jerry Keck, DLI

01:58:39 Sen. Squires to Jerry Keck, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Villa

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:10 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus47aad.pdf](#))