

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 8, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 111, 2/23/2007; HB 158,
2/23/2007; HB 156, 2/23/2007
Executive Action: HB 111, HB 156, HB 158

00:00:00 Vice Chair Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON HB 111

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:33 **REP. KEVIN FUREY (D), HD 91**, opened the hearing on **HB 111**, Revise unemployment insurance laws.

EXHIBIT (bus49a01)

Proponents:

00:04:10 Roy Mulvaney, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance Program, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:34 Sen. Balyeat to Roy Mulvaney, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:12 Sen. Furey

HEARING ON HB 158

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:37 **REP. LLEW JONES (R), HD 27**, opened the hearing on **HB 158**, Revise laws governing corporate filings.

Proponents:

00:18:51 Michael O'Brien, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:49 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:28 Sen. Cocchiarella opened for **REP. EVE FRANKLIN (D), HD 24**, on **HB 156**, Revise long-term care insurance laws.

Proponents:

00:23:16 Erin McGowan-Fincham, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

[EXHIBIT \(bus49a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus49a03\)](#)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:55 Sen. Brown to Erin McGowan-Fincham, SAO

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Cocchiarella

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 111

00:27:58 **Motion:** SEN. ESP moved that HB 111 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:28:15 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ESP moved that AMENDMENT SB011101.APM BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:28:39 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ESP moved that HB 111 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156

00:29:05 Motion: SEN. RYAN moved that HB 156 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:30:10 SEN. RYAN withdrew his motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 158

00:29:24 Motion/Vote: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that HB 158 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

VC/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus49aad.pdf](#))