

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BILL WILSON, on January 7, 2009 at 8:03 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Wilson, Chairman (D)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary
Bart Campbell, 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 101, 1/5/2009; HB 116, 1/5/2009;
HB 151, 1/5/2009

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:06 REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 116, Clarify proof of insurance for motor vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:41 Brenda Nordlund, Montana Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:02 Rep. Vance
00:05:31 Ms. Nordlund
00:06:27 Rep. Vance
00:06:38 Ms. Nordlund

[EXHIBIT](#) (buh03a01)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:05 Rep. McNutt

Announcements:

00:07:37 Chairman Wilson, Discusses Executive Action for this Bill will be on Friday
00:07:55 Chairman Wilson, Closes the hearing

HEARING ON HB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:07 **REP. JEFFERY WELBORN (R), HD 72**, opened the hearing on **HB 101**, Extend deadlines related to wage withholding in cases of theft.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:45 Jerry Keck, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry

EXHIBIT (buh03a02)

00:12:57 Bob Biskupiak, Independent Agents

00:14:00 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Industry and Business

00:14:31 Clyde Daily, Montana Credit Union Network

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:11 Rep. Furey

00:15:50 Rep. Welborn

00:16:22 Rep. Welborn

00:16:37 Mr. Keck

00:17:17 Rep. B. Beck

00:17:57 Mr. Keck

00:18:32 Rep. B. Beck

00:18:41 Mr. Keck

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:03 Rep. Welborn

EXHIBIT (buh03a03)

00:30:28 Break: 10 minutes

00:30:38 Break ends: Chairman Wilson reconvenes meeting.

HEARING ON HB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:55 **REP. ARLENE BECKER (D), HD 52**, opened the hearing on **HB 151**, Revise breast reconstruction mandate to comply with federal law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:49 John Mudd, Financial Examiner, State Auditors Office

EXHIBIT (buh03a04)

00:36:35 Cheryl Steenson, Montana Women's Democratic Caucus

EXHIBIT (buh03a05)

00:37:36 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services

00:39:24 Eve Franklin, Governor's Office

00:41:06 Susan Witte, Allegiance Life and Health Benefits

EXHIBIT (buh03a06)

00:43:01 Dennis Lopach, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:43:42 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

00:44:16 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:44:41 Lois Fitzpatrick, Self: Cancer Survivor

00:46:31 Kathy McGowan, Cancer Action Network

EXHIBIT (buh03a07)

00:47:31 Bob Worthington, Montana Self Insured Association and
Montana Municipal Insurance Authority

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:48:27 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:47 Rep. Milburn

00:50:32 Christina Goe, Chief Legal Counselor, State Auditors
Office

00:51:53 Rep. Milburn

00:51:59 Ms. Goe

00:53:00 Rep. Beck

00:54:21 Mr. Cote

00:54:51 Rep. Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:17 Rep. Becker

Discussion:

00:56:20 Chairman Wilson, closes hearing.

00:56:49 Chairman Wilson, discusses Executive Action to be taken
on Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

00:57:15 Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

REP. BILL WILSON, Chairman

SANTELLA BAGLIVO, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([buh03aad.pdf](#))