

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chairman Bill Wilson, on March 6, 2009 at 8:30
A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Wilson, Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
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: Rep. Shannon Augare (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary
Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 89, 2/24/2009; SB 135,
2/24/2009; SB 150, 2/24/2009

Executive Action: HB 579

HEARING ON SB 89**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:57 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 89, Eliminate sunset for new worker training program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:49 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce
00:06:10 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce
EXHIBIT (buh50a01)
00:10:20 Jim Davison, President, Montana Economic Development Association
EXHIBIT (buh50a02)
00:12:48 Dick King, Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation
00:15:21 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:15:55 Reily Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
00:16:17 Brett Doney, Montana Development Association
EXHIBIT (buh50a03)
00:18:37 Kathy Bailey, Snowy Mountain Development Corporation
00:20:49 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation
00:21:57 Rhonda Wiggers, Helena and Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:33 Rep. Arntzen
00:24:01 Mr. Poole
00:25:10 Rep. Arntzen
00:25:21 Mr. Poole
00:26:28 Rep. Furey

00:27:05 Mr. Poole
00:27:22 Rep. Furey
00:27:25 Mr. Poole
00:28:42 Rep. B. Beck
00:29:10 Mr. Poole
00:29:52 Rep. B. Beck
00:30:01 Mr. Poole
00:30:19 Rep. Reinhart
00:30:26 Mr. Poole
00:31:55 Rep. Reinhart
00:32:04 Mr. Poole

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:16 Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 135

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:04 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 135, Revise insure Montana program.

[EXHIBIT \(buh50a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:05 John Mudd, Executive Counsel, State Auditor's Office

[EXHIBIT \(buh50a05\)](#)

00:44:14 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana

00:45:01 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Catholic Hospitals of Montana

00:45:52 Reily Johnson, NFIB

00:48:52 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:49:51 Bill Roberts, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT \(buh50a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:49 Rep. Smith

00:52:21 Mr. Mudd

00:53:15 Rep. Reinhart

00:53:25 Mr. Mudd

00:54:04 Rep. Reinhart

00:54:15 Mr. Mudd

00:54:47 Rep. Reinhart

00:54:57 Mr. Mudd
00:55:09 Rep. Reinhart
00:55:26 Mr. Johnson
00:55:51 Rep. Arntzen
00:56:22 Mr. Mudd

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:29 Sen. Larsen

00:59:18 Chairman Wilson called a recess.
01:18:24 Chairman Wilson resumed hearing.

HEARING ON SB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:43 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 150, Revise unemployment insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:01 Roy Mulvaney, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
01:24:50 Robert Johnson, Montana AFL-CIO

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:20 Rep. Furey
01:25:57 Mr. Mulvaney
01:26:14 Rep. Reinhart
01:26:34 Mr. Mulvaney
01:27:22 Rep. Reinhart
01:27:39 Mr. Mulvaney
01:27:48 Rep. Smith
01:28:10 Mr. Mulvaney
01:28:41 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:50 Sen. Brueggeman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89

01:29:36 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SB 89 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:29:49 Chairman Wilson

01:30:14 Rep. Reinhart withdrew her motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 579

01:30:26 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 579 DO PASS.**

01:31:04 **Motion:** Rep. Arntzen moved that **HB 579 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (buh50a07)**

Discussion:

01:32:15 Mr. Campbell

01:33:26 Rep. Reichner called the question.

01:33:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by voice vote with Rep. Beck, Rep. Klock, Rep. Milburn, Rep. Reichner, Rep. Smith, Rep. Vance, and Rep. Welborn voting no. Rep. Augare voted by proxy.

01:34:28 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 579 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:34:29 Rep. Berry

01:34:44 Mr. Campbell

01:34:47 Rep. Berry

01:34:49 Mr. Campbell

01:35:06 Rep. Reinhart

01:35:13 Mr. Campbell

01:35:37 Rep. Arntzen

01:36:12 Rep. B. Beck

01:36:52 Rep. Boland

01:37:27 Rep. Reichner

01:38:10 Chairman Wilson

01:38:22 Rep. Reinhart

01:39:17 Rep. Arntzen

01:40:17 Rep. Fleming

01:40:55 Rep. Hunter

01:42:03 Rep. Arntzen called the question.

01:42:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Augare, Rep. Beck, Rep. Boland, Rep. Fleming, Rep.

Furey, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Wilson
voting aye. Rep. Augare voted by proxy.

01:42:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reichner moved that **HB 579 BE TABLED
AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by
voice vote. Rep. Augare voted by proxy.

Additional Discussion:

01:43:33 Rep. Arntzen
01:43:46 Mr. Campbell
01:44:22 Rep. P. Beck
01:44:26 Chairman Wilson

ADJOURNMENT

01:44:32 Adjournment: 10:14 A.M.

Santella Baglivo, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([buh50aad.pdf](#))