

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chairman Bill Wilson, on March 12, 2009 at 8:33
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. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. John Fleming (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)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (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 127, 3/2/2009; SB 133, 3/2/2009;
SB 141, 3/2/2009

Executive Action: SB 141, SB 269

HEARING ON SB 141

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:28 Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 141, Repeal franchise insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:49 John Mudd, Executive Counsel, State Auditor's Office
[EXHIBIT \(buh55a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:12 Sen. Tropila

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 141

00:03:48 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SB 141 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:03:59 Rep. Vance called the question.

00:04:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, with Reps. Augare, Beck, and Furey voting by proxy.

00:04:23 Chairman Wilson calls a recess.

00:20:53 Chairman Wilson resumes hearing.

HEARING ON SB 133

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:09 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 133, Revise insurance laws.

EXHIBIT (buh55a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:16 John Mudd, Executive Counsel, State Auditor's Office

EXHIBIT (buh55a03)

00:26:29 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana

00:27:54 Susan Witte, Allegiance Life and Health Insurance Company

00:28:32 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America

00:29:21 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

00:30:12 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Company

00:30:40 Bob Biskupiak, Executive Director, Independent Insurance Agents Association of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:26 Chairman Wilson

00:31:52 Mr. Mudd

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:19 Sen. Kaufmann

HEARING ON SB 127

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:27 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 127, Revise insurance producer licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:48 John Mudd, Executive Counsel, State Auditor's Office

EXHIBIT (buh55a04)

00:37:12 Bob Biskupiak, Executive Director, Independent Insurance Agents Association of Montana

00:37:54 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Company

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:34 Rep. B. Beck
00:38:49 Mr. Mudd
00:40:21 Mr. Biskupiak
00:41:47 Rep. Berry
00:42:10 Mr. Biskupiak
00:42:44 Rep. Berry
00:43:43 Mr. Biskupiak
00:44:21 Rep. Berry
00:44:22 Rep. Furey enters.
00:44:41 Mr. Biskupiak
00:45:10 Rep. Berry
00:45:14 Rep. Reichner
00:45:31 Mr. Biskupiak

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:47 Sen. Gillan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 269

00:49:49 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **SB 269 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:50:10 **Motion:** Rep. Reichner moved that **SB 269 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (buh55a05)

Discussion:

00:50:22 Mr. Campbell, Legislative Services Division
00:51:06 Rep. Reichner called the question.

00:51:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, with
Reps. Augare and Beck voting by proxy.

Discussion:

00:51:31 Rep. Arntzen
00:52:17 Mr. Campbell
00:53:35 Rep. Milburn
00:54:08 Chairman Wilson

00:54:21 Rep. Arntzen

00:54:45 Rep. Reichner called the question.

00:54:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, with
Reps. Augare and Beck voting by proxy.

Additional Discussion:

00:55:07 Rep. Reichner

00:56:05 Rep. B. Beck

00:56:19 Rep. Arntzen

00:56:28 Chairman Wilson

00:56:33 Rep. Vance

00:56:39 Chairman Wilson

00:56:50 Rep. Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

00:57:17 Adjournment: 9:31 A.M.

Santella Baglivo, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([buh55aad.pdf](#))