

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chairman Joe Balyeat, on January 29, 2009 at 10 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Roy Brown (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, 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: SB 270, SB 251, 1/22/2009

Executive Action: SB 224

HEARING ON SB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:02 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 270, Energy efficiency in public buildings.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:04 Danielle Babb, Senior at Butte Central High School
00:06:06 Eric DeGiovine, Senior at Butte Central High School
00:07:56 Dan Hogan, Senior at Butte Central High School
00:10:10 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:27 Sen. Jackson
00:14:07 Eric DeGiovine
00:14:40 Sen. Jackson
00:14:50 John Fitzpatrick
00:15:26 Sen. Brown
00:16:58 Sen. Keane
00:17:57 Chairman Balyeat
00:18:49 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:18:52 Sen. Tropila
00:19:34 Danielle Babb
00:20:01 Sen. Tropila
00:20:19 Chairman Balyeat
00:22:45 Sen. Keane
00:23:26 Sen. Jackson
00:24:39 Sen. Keane
00:25:32 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:27:35 Mr. DeGiovine
00:28:37 Sen. Squires
00:30:20 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:31:00 Sen. Squires
00:31:14 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:31:32 Chairman Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:27 Sen. Keane
00:38:10 Chairman Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 251

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:21 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 251, Unemployment benefits for certain school employees between terms.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:19 Carleen Hathaway, Para Educator in Missoula Public Schools, MEA-MFT
00:47:49 Janet Baum, President, Billings Classified Employees Association (BCEA), MEA-MFT
00:52:18 Jeri Anton, Huntley, MEA-MFT
00:54:17 Sherri Postmu, Missoula Public Schools, MEA-MFT
00:56:10 Marco Ferro, Director of Public Policy, MEA-MFT
00:58:00 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association
00:59:42 Jay Reardon, Laborers Union Local #1686
01:00:11 Mark Anderlik, Executive Officer, United Restaurant Workers Local #247
01:00:40 Robert Johnson, AFL-CIO

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:56 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)
[EXHIBIT \(bus21a01\)](#)

01:05:47 Linda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
[EXHIBIT \(bus21a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:08:00 Roy Mulvaney, Unemployment Insurance Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:42 Sen. Brown
01:11:45 Sen. Wanzenried
01:13:14 Sen. Tropila
01:13:37 Marco Ferro
01:13:48 Chairman Balyeat
01:17:34 Sen. Wanzenried
01:18:47 Chairman Balyeat
01:24:00 Mr. Melton
01:24:35 Sen. Keane
01:25:34 Sen. Wanzenried

01:26:14 Sen. Keane
01:27:35 Mr. Melton
01:27:43 Sen. Squires
01:28:14 Sen. Keane
01:29:42 Linda Brannon
01:29:54 Chairman Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:12 Sen. Wanzenried

01:33:50 Chairman Balyeat

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 224

01:34:56 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved **SB 224 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:35:17 Sen. Brown
01:36:17 Sen. Keane
01:37:01 Sen. Barkus
01:37:45 Sen. Brown
01:39:16 Sen. Jackson
01:39:32 Sen. Brown
01:40:14 Sen. Squires
01:40:41 Sen. Brown
01:41:06 Chairman Balyeat
01:43:58 Sen. Brown
01:44:19 Sen. Squires
01:46:23 Chairman Balyeat
01:46:56 Sen. Squires
01:47:20 Sen. Jackson
01:48:29 Sen. Brown

01:48:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote. Sen. Keane, Sen. Squires, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Tropila, and Sen. Windy Boy voted no. Sen. Peterson and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:50:11 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:52 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([bus21aad.pdf](#))