

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chairman Joe Balyeat, on February 11, 2009 at 8 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
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 150, SB 323, SB 335, 2/3/2009

Executive Action: SB 150

00:01:37 Chairman Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:26 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 150, Revise unemployment insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:07 Roy Mulvaney, Administrator, Unemployment Insurance Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:25 Chairman Balyeat
00:06:58 Pat Murdo
00:07:05 Chairman Balyeat
00:07:11 Roy Mulvaney
00:09:50 Chairman Balyeat
00:10:07 Sen. Squires
00:11:05 Pat Murdo
00:11:32 Chairman Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:45 In the absence of the sponsor, Chairman Balyeat closed the hearing to take Executive Action.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 150

00:12:08 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **SB 150 DO PASS.**

00:12:22 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **TO AMEND SB 150.**
[EXHIBIT\(bus32a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(bus32a02\)](#)

00:12:40 Sen Keane withdrew his motion.

00:12:30 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **TO AMEND SB 150.**
[EXHIBIT\(bus32a03\)](#)

00:12:35 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy arrived.

Discussion:

00:12:47 Sen. Brown
00:13:07 Chairman Balyeat
00:13:33 Mr. Mulvaney

00:14:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote. Sen.
Barkus voted no. Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Peterson
voted by proxy.

00:14:29 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **SB 150 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:14:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously 11-0 by voice vote.
Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Peterson voted by proxy.

00:15:08 Sen. Keane
00:16:12 Chairman Balyeat

00:16:25 Sen. Jackson assumed the position of Chair.

HEARING ON SB 335

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:50 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB
335, Prohibit professional board discrimination.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:34 Mike Dowling, Architect, Helena
00:22:15 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers (IBEW) Local 233
00:23:49 Margaret Morgan, Greater Independent Electrical
Contractors,

Informational Testimony:

00:26:39 Gene Allison, Attorney, Business Standards Division,
DOLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:09 Sen. Tropila
00:28:01 Sen. Balyeat
00:29:48 Sen. Barkus
00:32:31 Sen. Balyeat
00:33:16 Sen. Keane

00:35:57 Margaret Morgan
00:36:06 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:37:08 Sen. Balyeat
00:38:55 Sen. Barkus
00:39:14 Pat Murdo
00:39:38 Sen. Barkus
00:39:52 Sen. Balyeat
00:43:58 Sen. Barkus
00:46:43 Gene Allison
00:47:33 Sen. Tropila
00:48:23 Sen. Balyeat
00:48:38 Vice Chairman Jackson
00:49:50 Sen. Balyeat
00:50:18 Sen. Squires
00:52:36 Gene Allison
00:52:46 Sen. Squires
00:53:00 Chairman Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:30 Mike Dowling
00:54:09 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 323

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:44 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 323, Provide default lease extension period for residential leases.

[EXHIBIT \(bus32a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:19 Denver Henderson, renters rights group, Missoula

[EXHIBIT \(bus32a05\)](#)

01:04:13 Ford Johnson, self, Missoula

[EXHIBIT \(bus32a06\)](#)

01:10:30 Klaus Sitte, Executive Director, Montana Legal Services
01:12:03 Roger Halver, Montana Landlords Association
01:12:56 Lucas Hamilton, Associated Students of University of Montana (AASUM), Missoula
01:14:11 Maureen Weiland, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU), Bozeman
01:14:49 Carl Peil, volunteer advocate for AARP Montana
01:15:35 Eric Anderson, Associated Students of Montana State University (MSU), Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:36 Sen. Tropila
01:18:20 Sen. Erickson
01:18:53 Sen. Barkus
01:19:47 Denver Henderson
01:20:08 Chairman Balyeat
01:24:54 Klaus Sitte
01:25:17 Sen. Barkus
01:25:58 Klaus Sitte
01:26:18 Sen. Brown
01:27:30 Denver Henderson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:00 Sen. Henderson

01:29:02 Chairman Balyeat
01:29:38 Klaus Sitte
01:30:06 Chairman Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:35 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([bus32aad.pdf](#))