

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chairman Joe Balyeat, on April 2, 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. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
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: HB 598, 3/30/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 598

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:38 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 598, Revise independent contractor exemptions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:05 Wilbur Rehmann, musician

00:05:43 Mark Staples, musician, also representing Montana Tavern Association, and Rep. George Grosbeck, recently deceased

00:10:34 Sheena Rice, students of Montana Public Interest Research Group (Mont PIRG)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:05 Jason Miller, Labor-Management Advisory Council on Workers Compensation (LMAC), Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

00:13:43 Bob Worthington, Vice Chairman, LMAC

00:15:03 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus73a01)

Informational Testimony:

00:16:54 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:11 Sen. Squires

00:19:25 Mark Staples

00:21:02 Sen. Squires

00:21:46 Jerry Keck

00:22:08 Sen. Brown

00:22:48 Wilbur Rehmann

00:23:46 Sen. Brown

00:24:24 Jerry Keck

00:25:56 Chairman Balyeat

00:26:05 Sen. Brown

00:26:16 Rep. Noonan

00:26:40 Chairman Balyeat

00:27:39 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy arrived.

00:33:50 Jerry Keck

00:34:00 Sen. Tropila

00:34:14 Rep. Noonan
00:34:51 Sen. Tropila
00:35:41 Jerry Keck
00:36:18 Sen. Tropila
00:36:27 Kevin Braun

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:04 Rep. Noonan

00:39:06 Chairman Balyeat
00:39:22 Pat Murdo
00:39:47 Chairman Balyeat

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT(bus73a02) pertains to 3/27/09 Hearing on HB 331.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:44 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([bus73aad.pdf](#))