

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Joe Balyeat, on April 26, 2011 at 11:30 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Joe Balyeat, Chair (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

**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: HJ 33, 4/21/2011

Executive Action: HJ 33, Do Concur

00:00:31 Chairman Balyeat

**HEARING ON HJ 33**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:30 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HJ 33. Interim study on state health insurance exchange.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:32 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield  
00:06:09 Dennis Lopach, America's Health Insurance Plans  
00:07:15 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:15 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office  
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**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:32 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:17:51 Mr. Laslovich  
00:18:19 Sen. Mowbray  
00:19:33 Mr. Laslovich  
00:20:18 Sen. Jackson  
00:20:48 Mr. Laslovich  
00:22:11 Chairman Balyeat  
00:24:30 Mr. Laslovich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:56 Rep. MacLaren  
00:27:10 Chairman Balyeat

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 33**

00:27:19 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HJ 33 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:27:30 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:28:02 Sen. Mowbray  
00:28:31 Sen. Tropila  
00:29:15 Sen. Windy Boy

00:29:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Tropila, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy.

**Closing Comments:**

00:30:34 Chairman Balyeat  
00:30:37 Rep. MacLaren  
00:30:45 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:31:05 Sen. Facey  
00:31:31 Chairman Balyeat

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:04 PM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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