

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on February 12, 2013 at 9:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chair (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (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 212, 1/30/2013; SB 222, 2/5/2013; SB 230, 2/6/2013

Executive Action: HB 93, Tabled; SB 139, Do Pass As Amended; SB 184, Tabled.

HEARING ON SB 212

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:01 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 212. Generally revise credit bureau reporting laws.

00:33:16 Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:47 Dani Clark, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU), also Associated Students of University of Montana (ASUM), and Associated Students of Montana State University Billings (ASMSUB)

00:34:23 Charlene Suckow, self

00:34:53 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.

00:35:41 Sean McQuillan, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:12 Eric Ellman, Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA)

00:39:37 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:15 Sen. Van Dyk

00:45:44 Mr. Ellman, CDIA

00:46:12 Sen. Barrett

00:48:51 Sen. Hamlett

00:49:11 Sen. Jackson

00:49:58 Ms. Grmoljez, MBA

00:50:13 Mr. Ellman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:30 Sen. Hamlett

00:53:04 Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON SB 230

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:09 Sen. David Wanzonried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 230. Revise laws governing board of speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:00 Sen. Janna Taylor, SD 6

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a02\)](#)

01:00:45 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM); Montana Council of Administrators for Special Education (MCASE)

01:03:22 Laura Jo McKamey, Speech Language Pathologist (SLP), Shelby; State Advocacy Literature Committee (SALC); Big Sky Special Needs Coop (BSSNC)

01:05:36 Al Yonovitz, Audiologist, President, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSLHA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a03\)](#)

01:09:38 Jessica Reynolds, Students in Communication and Hearing Working in Action. (SCHWA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a04\)](#)

01:11:42 Lyle Mitchell, Trustee, Columbia Falls School Board (CFSB)

01:12:48 Jennifer Pierce, Butte, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSLHA); Communication Matters LLC

01:15:18 Catherine Off, Missoula, Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a05\)](#)

01:17:21 Becky Forbis, self, Cut Bank

01:21:31 Donald Bodda, Sheridan, speaking on behalf of his wife, Gayle, a stroke victim

01:24:25 Sen. Facey entered the hearing.

01:25:30 Annie Kennedy, Missoula, Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)

01:27:54 Lucy Hart-Paulson, Missoula, Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a07\)](#)

01:30:49 Lynn Harris, Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (SLPA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a08\)](#)

01:34:33 Abigail St. Lawrence, Audiologist; also presented letter of support from Grant and Alisa Orr

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:35:36 Tim Ferber, Helena, Speech Pathologist (SP)

01:38:40 Theresa Metropoulos, Speech Pathologist (SP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:42:12 Sen. Facey

01:42:40 Ms. Harris, SPLA
 01:43:36 Sen. Jackson
 01:44:48 Sen. Wanzenried
 01:45:19 Sen. Van Dyk
 01:47:33 Ms. Hart-Paulson, SLP
 01:49:01 Sen. Facey
 01:49:12 Ms. Hart-Paulson
 01:49:44 Chairman Sonju
 01:51:29 Ms. Metropoulos, SP
 01:51:44 Sen. Van Dyk
 01:52:04 Becky Forbis, self
 01:54:36 Sen. Brown
 01:54:59 Chairman Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:11 Sen. Wanzenried
 01:59:06 Recess
 02:12:50 Reconvened

(Sen. Barrett did not return to the hearing)

HEARING ON SB 222

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:13:20 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 222. Establish a workers' compensation holiday for employers for new hires.

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus31a11\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:17:37 Steve Wade, Montana Contractor's Compensation Fund (MCCF); Montana Self-Insurer's Association(MSIA); and on behalf of Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
 02:18:54 Chris Cavazos, Political Director, Montana State American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
 02:19:32 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
[EXHIBIT\(bus31a12\)](#)
 02:20:54 John 'JD' Lynch, Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters #2 (PNRCC); Teamsters Union Local #2, and Montana State Building Trades (MSBT)
 02:21:51 Joseph Sands, Montana State Council Professional Fire Fighters (MSCPFF)
 02:22:35 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) #233
 02:23:01 Rebecca Barger, Teamsters Union Local #190, Billings

02:23:19 Dylan German, Student Lobbyist, Associated Students of Montana State University Billings (ASMSUB); Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)

02:23:45 Dani Clark, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU); Associated Students of University of Montana (ASUM)

Informational Testimony:

02:24:21 Diana Ferriter, Administrator, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

EXHIBIT(bus31a13)

02:25:33 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:59 Sen. Van Dyk

02:28:30 Sen. Brown

02:28:52 Sen. Facey

02:29:10 Ms. Ferriter, DLI

02:30:13 Sen. Moore

02:30:48 Mr. Smith, MTLA

Closing by Sponsor:

02:31:46 Sen. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 93

02:33:42 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 93 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:34:05 Chairman Sonju

02:34:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Van Dyk voting aye. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

02:35:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 93 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 139

02:35:52 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 139 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:36:09 Sen. Brown

02:36:12 Sen. Facey

02:36:32 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 139 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus31a14)

Discussion:

02:37:32 Sen. Facey
02:38:46 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:40:25 Sen. Van Dyk
02:40:33 Sen. Facey
02:41:10 Sen. Brown
02:41:17 Sen. Van Dyk
02:41:39 Sen. Facey
02:42:29 Sen. Moore
02:43:09 Sen. Facey

02:43:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Sonju, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Van Dyk voting aye. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

02:44:50 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 139 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus31a15)

Discussion:

02:45:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Brown voting no. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

02:46:06 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 139 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:46:21 Sen. Facey
02:47:29 Sen Brown
02:48:22 Sen. Van Dyk

02:50:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Van Dyk and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 184

02:51:04 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 184 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:51:23 Sen. Jackson

02:51:47 Sen. Facey

02:52:52 Sen. Brown

02:53:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jackson moved that **SB 184 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus31aad.pdf](#))