

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chair (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division

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 614, 4/9/2013; SR 64, 4/9/2013; SR 65, 4/9/2013; SR 66, 4/9/2013

Executive Action: SR 64, SR 65, SR 66 Be Adopted; SB 404 Table, HB 579 Table

HEARING ON HB 614

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:16 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 614. Provide for limited lines travel insurance.

00:33:44 Sen. Arntzen entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:53 Jessie Luther, US Travel Insurance Association (USTIA)

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00:39:21 Roger McGlenn, former independent insurance agent

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:41:03 Jeannie Keller, Bureau Chief, Licensing Department, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:25 Sen. Brown
00:44:27 Ms. Luther, USTIA
00:45:02 Sen. Van Dyk
00:45:25 Ms. Luther
00:45:40 Sen. Facey
00:45:57 Ms. Luther
00:46:08 Chairman Sonju
00:46:17 Ms. Luther
00:46:22 Sen. Barrett
00:46:50 Rep. Berry
00:47:18 Sen. Facey
00:47:44 Rep. Berry
00:48:12 Sen. Barrett
00:48:24 Rep. Berry
00:49:00 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:49:20 Rep. Berry
00:51:15 Ms. Keller, CSI
00:51:25 Chairman Sonju
00:51:31 Sen. Vuckovich
00:52:22 Ms. Luther
00:52:45 Sen. Vuckovich
00:53:00 Rep. Berry
00:53:05 Sen. Vuckovich
00:53:10 Ms. Keller

00:54:28 Rep. Berry
00:54:39 Mr. McGlenn, self
00:55:43 Sen. Vuckovich
00:55:47 Mr. McGlenn
00:55:53 Chairman Sonju
00:56:12 Sen. Vuckovich
00:56:18 Sen. Barrett
00:56:38 Sen. Facey
00:56:43 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:36 Rep. Berry
00:58:48 Acting Vice Chair Van Dyk took over the position of Chair.

HEARING ON SR 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:00 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SR 64. Confirmation of appointees to the board of housing.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:59:52 Bruce Brensdal, Board of Housing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:13 Sen. Sonju

HEARING ON SR 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:29 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SR 65. Confirmation of appointees to the board of personnel appeals.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:07 Sen. Brown
01:01:41 Sen. Sonju
01:01:49 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:02:34 Sen. Brown
01:02:40 Vice Chair Van Dyk
01:02:46 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:02 Sen. Sonju

HEARING ON SR 66

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:17 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SR 66. Confirm Governor's appointees to certain health-related boards.
01:03:57 Vice Chair Van Dyk
01:04:10 Sen. Sonju

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:35 Sen. Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 64, SR 65, SR 66

01:05:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. De. Barrett moved that **SR 64, SR 65, and SR 66 DO PASS**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jackson and Sen. Moore were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 404

01:06:27 Chairman Sonju

01:06:45 **Motion:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SB 404 DO PASS**.

01:06:53 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk made a substitute motion that **SB 404 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. Barrett voting no. Sen. Jackson and Sen. Moore were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 579

01:07:24 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 579 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:07:35 Sen. Facey
01:13:31 Chairman Sonju
01:13:52 Sen. Barrett
01:14:57 Sen. Brown
01:15:47 Chairman Sonju

01:16:11 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sonju made a substitute motion that **HB 579 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 5-3 by voice vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Sonju and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Jackson and Sen. Moore were excused.

01:16:53 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:50 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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