

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 173

**Call to Order:** SEN. Jon Sonju, on April 23, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

**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:**

**Executive Action:** SB 173 - Recommend that the Free Conference Committee Report be Adopted As Amended

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 173**

00:08:50 Chairman Sonju

00:09:25 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved to **AMEND SB 173.**  
**[EXHIBIT\(frs86sb0173a01\)](#)**

**Discussion:**

00:09:42 Sen. Keane  
00:12:18 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:13:00 Sen. Keane  
00:13:27 Rep. Berry  
00:14:58 Chairman Sonju  
00:15:16 Sen. Keane  
00:16:00 Chairman Sonju  
00:16:06 Sen. Keane  
00:16:33 Rep. Berry  
00:17:36 Sen. Brown

00:18:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Berry voting no.

00:18:42 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 173 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:19:04 Sen. Berry  
00:19:42 Sen. Brown  
00:19:56 Sen. Keane

00:20:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Berry voting no.

00:20:49 Chairman Sonju

Note: In lieu of motion, the signed Committee Report indicates that a majority of the committee members, from both the house and the senate recommend that **THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:45 A.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([frs86sb0173aad.pdf](#))**