

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Tom Berry, on January 12, 2015 at 10:00 AM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, 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 90, 1/7/2015; HB 115, 1/7/2015

Executive Action: HB 90

00:00:01      Chairman Berry

**HEARING ON HB 115**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:32      Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 115, Generally revise board of nursing laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:50      Heather O'Hara, President, Montana Board of Nursing (BN)

[EXHIBIT\(buh06a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh06a02\)](#)

00:07:39      Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**      None

**Informational Testimony:**      None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:24      Rep. Curdy  
00:11:48      Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:12:00      Rep. Curdy  
00:12:08      Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:12:19      Rep. Curdy  
00:12:33      Rep. Lang  
00:13:09      Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:13:23      Cynthia Gustafson, Executive Officer, Montana Board of Nursing  
00:13:47      Rep. Lang  
00:14:09      Cynthia Gustafson, BN  
00:14:22      Rep. Lang  
00:15:10      Cynthia Gustafson, BN  
00:15:46      Rep. Pierson  
00:17:00      Judy Bovington, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor (DLI)  
00:17:32      Rep. Pierson  
00:17:46      Cynthia Gustafson, BN  
00:18:08      Rep. Pierson  
00:18:31      Cynthia Gustafson, BN  
00:18:45      Rep. Pierson  
00:18:55      Cynthia Gustafson, BN  
00:19:44      Rep. Moore  
00:20:03      Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:20:09      Rep. Kipp arrived.  
00:20:15      Rep. Moore  
00:20:28      Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:20:40      Judy Bovington, DLI  
00:20:58      Rep. Ricci  
00:21:14      Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:22:51      Judy Bovington, DLI  
0:23:06      Rep. Staffanson  
00:23:45      Cynthia Gustafson, BN

00:24:24 Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:24:55 Rep. Staffanson  
00:25:00 Rep. Pierson  
00:25:13 Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:25:27 Rep. Lang  
00:26:08 Judy Bovington, DLI  
00:26:19 Cynthia Gustafson, BN  
00:26:58 Rep. Lang  
00:27:02 Rep. Pope  
00:27:32 Heather O'Hara, BN  
00:28:32 Vice Chair Salomon  
00:29:07 Cynthia Gustafson, BN  
00:29:38 Rep. Salomon  
00:29:50 Judy Bovington, DLI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:31 Rep. Funk

**HEARING ON HB 90****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:09 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 90, Revise workers' compensation laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:33:46 Diana Ferriter, Administrator, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor (DLI)

00:35:37 Rep. Lynch arrived.

**EXHIBIT(buh06a03)**

00:40:02 Bob Worthington, Labor Management Advisory Council, (LMAC)

00:41:35 Al Smith, (LMAC)

00:42:51 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)

00:43:23 Lonnie Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:57 Rep. Moore

00:46:24 Nancy Butler, MSF

00:47:10 Rep. Moore

00:47:26 Nancy Butler, MSF

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:47 Rep. Olsen

00:48:24 Chairman Berry

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 90**

00:48:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 90 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:49:09 Chairman Berry

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:49:21

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([buh06aad.pdf](#))**