

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Vice Chair Dan Salomon, on January 21, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (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. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

Members Absent: None

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 94, 1/14/2015; HB 118, 1/14/2015; HB 205, 1/14/2015

Executive Action: HB 44; HB 53; HB 80; HB 102, HB 103; HB 115; HB 184

00:00:01 Vice Chairman Salomon chaired the meeting in Chairman Berry's absence.

HEARING ON HB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:14 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 94, Expand surplus lines of insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:06 Jeff Barber, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

00:07:05 Mike Sell, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana

00:07:51 Doug Hamilton, Agency Principal, Three Valleys Insurance

EXHIBIT(buh13a01)

00:11:28 Vice Chair Salomon

00:11:35 Doug Hamilton, Three Valleys Insurance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:51 Rep. Curdy

00:13:28 Doug Hamilton, Three Valleys Insurance

00:14:36 Rep. Curdy

00:15:56 Doug Hamilton, Three Valleys Insurance

00:17:04 Vice Chair Salomon

00:17:26 Jeff Barber, SAO

00:17:44 Rep. Ricci

00:18:05 Doug Hamilton, Three Valleys Insurance

00:18:25 Rep. Lang

00:18:43 Doug Hamilton, Three Valleys Insurance

00:18:55 Rep. Lang

00:19:32 Doug Hamilton, Three Valleys Insurance

00:19:53 Rep. Lang

00:20:08 Doug Hamilton, Three Valleys Insurance

00:20:27 Rep. Pope

00:21:33 Jeff Barber, SAO

00:21:41 Rep. Pope

00:22:17 Jeff Barber, SAO

00:22:24 Rep. Pope

00:22:45 Jeff Barber, SAO

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:00 Rep. Flynn

00:23:35 Vice Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 118**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:02 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 118, Allow for electronic delivery of insurance policies.

00:24:48 Rep. Lynch left the meeting.

00:26:53 Rep. Lynch returned.

00:27:02 Rep. Welborn left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:32 Emily Samhammer, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

00:32:44 Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

EXHIBIT(buh13a02)**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:35:38 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA), Allstate Insurance

00:37:04 Rep. Welborn returned.

00:40:24 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company, American Insurance Association

00:41:57 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:40 Rep. Moore

00:43:20 Emily Samhammer, SAO

00:43:31 Rep. Moore

00:43:51 Bruce Spencer, PCIAA

00:44:03 Rep. Lang

00:44:59 Emily Samhammer, SAO

00:45:11 Rep. Lang

00:45:25 Emily Samhammer, SAO

00:45:29 Rep. Hunter

00:45:50 Emily Samhammer, SAO

00:45:53 Rep. Hunter

00:46:13 Emily Samhammer, SAO

00:46:48 Rep. Hunter

00:47:11 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company, American Insurance Association

00:48:03 Rep. Hunter

00:48:28 Rep. B. Bennett

00:48:53 Rep. Curdy

00:49:45 Rep. Clark

00:50:14 Emily Samhammer. SAO

00:50:19 Nick Mazanec, Attorney, SAO

00:51:10 Rep. Olsen

00:53:01 Emily Samhammer, SAO

00:55:09 Rep. Olsen

00:55:57 Emily Samhammer, SAO
00:56:19 Rep. Olsen
00:56:30 Emily Samhammer, SAO
00:56:49 Rep. Olsen
00:57:05 Rep. Clark left the meeting.
00:57:21 Rep. Staffanson
00:58:01 Rep. B. Bennett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:32 Rep. B. Bennett

00:59:00 Vice Chair Salomon
00:59:05 Rep. Staffanson left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 205

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:44 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 205, Revise fees charged for alcohol license.

01:01:03 Rep. Clark and Rep. Staffanson returned.
01:01:12 Rep. Curdy and Rep. Olsen left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:24 Drew Geiger, self
01:03:45 Rep. Curdy returned.
01:05:40 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
01:06:32 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:02 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
EXHIBIT(buh13a03)
01:10:32 Rep. Olsen returned.
01:11:54 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:24 Rep. Clark
01:15:03 David Nielsen, MLCT
01:15:17 Rep. Lang
01:15:53 David Nielsen, MLCT
01:16:37 Rep. Staffanson
01:17:13 Rep. Ricci
01:18:05 Neil Peterson, GIA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:30 Rep. Moore

01:19:58 Vice Chair Salomon

01:20:46 Recessed.

01:46:53 Reconvened.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 44

01:47:07 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 44 DO PASS.**

01:47:27 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 44 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(buh13a04\)](#)

Discussion:

01:48:00 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:48:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:48: 56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 44 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 53

01:49:38 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 53 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:49:50 Pat Murdo

[EXHIBIT\(buh13a05\)](#)

01:50:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 53 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:51:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 53 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Moore voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 80

01:51:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 80 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 102

01:52:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 102 DO PASS**. Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Noland and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 103

01:54:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 103 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115

01:55:08 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 115 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:55:25 Rep. Moore
01:55:34 Rep. Clark
01:55:55 Rep. Staffanson
01:56:14 Rep. Lynch

01:56:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Moore, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 184

01:57:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 184 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Pierson voted by proxy.

01:58:43 Vice Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:58:55

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([buh13aad.pdf](#))