

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Vice Chair Dan Salomon, on January 22, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (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. David (Doc) Moore (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 119, 1/16/2015; HB 177, 1/16/2015

00:00:01 Vice Chair Salomon chaired the meeting at the request of Chairman Berry.

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:41 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 119, Update insurance laws to meet NAIC accreditation standards.

[EXHIBIT\(buh14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh14a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:33 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

00:08:41 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association, American Council of Life Insurers, AFLAC

00:08:55 Rep. Pierson arrived.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:26 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

00:12:25 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Providers, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America, Allstate Insurance

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:55 Rep. Berry

00:14:22 Vice Chair Salomon

00:14:32 Rep. Lang left the meeting.

00:14:41 Recessed.

00:15:39 Rep. Moore arrived.

00:17:14 Rep. Lang returned.

00:17:42 Reconvened.

HEARING ON HB 177

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:58 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 177, Generally revise private air ambulance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:14 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital, Missoula; St. Joseph Medical Center, Polson

[EXHIBIT\(buh14a03\)](#)

00:24:48 Carol Bensen, Senior Director, Emergency & Critical Care Services, St. Patrick's Hospital, Missoula

00:26:27 Larry Peterman, Flight Nurse, Northwest MedStar, Missoula

00:29:34 David Brown, Base Chief, Northwest MedStar, Missoula
00:31:59 Ellen Stinar, EagleMed, Butte

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:38 Mark Lambrecht, Life Flight Network
EXHIBIT(buh14a04)
00:40:59 John Maxness, Self
00:45:52 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association
00:49:18 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:43 Rep. Olsen
00:56:28 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:56:48 Rep. Olsen
00:57:10 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:57:45 Rep. Clark
00:58:14 Ellen Stinar, EagleMed
00:58:26 Rep. Noland
00:59:07 Larry Peterman, Northwest MedStar
01:00:27 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:02:05 Rep. Lynch
01:02:29 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:03:37 Rep. Lynch
01:04:29 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:06:20 Rep. Lynch
01:07:16 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:07:24 Vice Chair Salomon
01:07:29 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:07:54 Rep. Staffanson
01:08:21 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:09:19 Rep. Staffanson
01:09:27 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:09:33 Rep. Pope
01:10:33 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:11:31 Rep. Pope
01:12:11 Rep. Lang
01:12:36 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:13:12 Rep. Lang
01:13:50 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:14:02 Rep. Lang
01:14:18 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:14:32 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:15:18 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:15:27 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:15:48 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:16:18 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:16:36 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:17:15 Rep. Fitzpatrick

01:17:51 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:19:18 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:19:48 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:19:58 Rep. Ricci
01:20:12 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital,
01:20:24 Carol Bensen, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:21:12 Rep. Ricci
01:21:35 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:21:51 Rep. Ricci
01:22:08 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:22:51 Rep. Ricci
01:23:12 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:23:22 Rep. Lang
01:24:18 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:24:32 Rep. Lang
01:24:53 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:25:01 Rep. Olsen
01:25:42 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:26:23 Rep. Lang left the meeting.
01:27:21 Rep. Olsen
01:27:43 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:27:51 Rep. Olsen
01:28:21 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:28:56 Rep. Olsen
01:29:10 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:29:35 Rep. Olsen
01:29:48 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:30:04 Rep. Olsen
01:30:35 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:31:03 Vice Chair Salomon
01:31:33 Mike Foster, St. Patrick's Hospital
01:31:43 Rep. Curdy
01:32:06 Ellen Stinar, EagleMed
01:32:15 Rep. Curdy
01:32:25 Ellen Stinar, EagleMed
01:32:37 Rep. Curdy
01:32:51 Ellen Stinar, EagleMed
01:33:01 Rep. Curdy
01:33:14 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:33:36 Rep. Curdy
01:34:39 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:35:32 Rep. Curdy
01:35:44 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:36:07 Rep. Pierson
01:36:23 Rep. Clark left the meeting.
01:36:33 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:36:46 Rep. Pierson
01:37:00 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:37:15 Rep. Pierson
01:37:31 David Brown, Northwest MedStar

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01:38:21 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:38:29 Rep. Pierson
01:38:48 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:38:58 Rep. Pierson
01:39:13 David Brown, Northwest MedStar
01:39:31 Rep. Pierson
01:40:02 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:40:45 Rep. Staffanson
01:41:00 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:42:11 Rep. Staffanson
01:42:19 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
01:42:33 Rep. Olsen
01:43:02 Mark Lambrecht, Life Flight Network
01:43:08 Vice Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:29 Rep. Moore

[EXHIBIT\(buh14a05\)](#)

01:45:16 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:45:42

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh14aad.pdf](#))