

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Tom Berry, on February 4, 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. 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. 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:** None

**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 324, 1/27/2015; SB 4, 1/29/2015; SB 35, 1/29/2015; SB 36, 1/29/2015

- 00:00:02 Chairman Berry
- 00:01:11 Fiscal note for HB 258 was presented. Without objection, HB 258 was passed out of Committee
- 00:01:56 Vice Chair Salomon assumed the chairmanship. Rep. Berry left the meeting.

### **HEARING ON HB 324**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:02:15 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 324, Revise laws related to health insurers certificates of creditable coverage

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

- 00:04:36 Bill Lombardi, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 00:06:53 Rep. Olsen
- 00:07:28 Rep. Welborn

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

- 00:07:56 Rep. Welborn

### **HEARING ON SB 4**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:08:36 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 4, Authorize temporary appointment in vacancy of workers' comp judge.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

- 00:10:14 Bob Worthington, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC)
- 00:11:20 Don Judge, Labor Management Advisory Council (LMAC)
- 00:11:53 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA) and American Insurance Association (AIA)
- 00:12:20 Lonnie Olson, Montana Trial Lawyers (MTLA)
- 00:12:43 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF) Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
- 00:13:13 Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Motor Carriers of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:33 Rep. Curdy  
00:14:32 Sen. Facey  
00:15:04 Kevin Braun (MSF)  
00:15:45 Rep. Curdy  
00:16:04 Kevin Braun (MSF)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:40 Sen. Facey

**HEARING ON SB 35****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:38 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 35, Eliminate certificate of existence requirements for out-of-state businesses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:20:22 Tim Busby, Business Services Operations Supervisor, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:21 Rep. Olsen  
00:23:23 Tim Busby, SOS  
00:24:42 Rep. Olsen  
00:25:10 Tim Busby, SOS  
00:25:44 Rep. Moore  
00:25:56 Tim Busby, SOS  
00:26:39 Rep. Moore  
00:26:47 Tim Busby, SOS  
00:27:32 Rep. Staffanson  
00:28:20 Tim Busby, SOS  
00:30:37 Rep. Steenberg  
00:30:51 Tim Busby, SOS  
00:31:26 Rep. Olsen  
00:32:17 Tim Busby, SOS  
00:34:05 Rep. Olsen  
00:34:43 Tim Busby, SOS  
00:36:15 Rep. Lang  
00:36:58 Tim Busby, SOS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:10 Sen. Facey

00:39:14 Chairman Salomon

**HEARING ON SB 36**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:01 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 36, Revise foreign limited partnership filing laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:22 Tim Busby, Business Services Operation Supervisor, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:50 Rep. Olsen

00:45:26 Tim Busby, SOS

00:46:35 Rep. Olsen

00:46:48 Tim Busby, SOS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:58 Sen. Facey

00:47:34 Chairman Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:48:10

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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