

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on March 17, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
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. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)

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: SB 288, 3/11/2015; SB 289, 3/11/2015; SB 377, 3/11/2015

00:00:01 Vice Chair Salomon called the meeting to order in Chairman Berry's absence.

HEARING ON SB 377

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:26 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 377, Revise definition of prepaid legal insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:54 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:11:37 Rep. Berry arrived.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:19 Nick Mazanec, Attorney, State Auditors Office (SAO)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:59 Rep. Olsen

00:14:54 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:16:41 Rep. Olsen

00:17:33 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:18:25 Chairman Salomon

00:18:40 Sen. Connell

00:19:43 Rep. Clark

00:20:02 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:20:59 Rep. Clark

00:21:08 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:22:23 Rep. Clark

00:22:48 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:24:11 Rep. Olsen

00:24:38 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:25 Sen. Connell

00:28:32 Chairman Berry resumed the chairmanship.

HEARING ON SB 288

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:25 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 288, Medical recovery of work comp payment from at-fault parties.

[EXHIBIT\(buh55a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:21 Bob Worthington, Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA)
00:35:36 Mike Waldenberg, Central Plumbing and Heating, Great Falls and Bozeman;
Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
00:40:01 Oliver Goe, Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry and Hoven for Montana Self Insurers
Association (MSIA)
00:45:51 Ron Bartsch, Building Contractor, Helena
00:52:00 Ron Pike, Sime Construction, Bozeman
00:54:18 John Alke, Northwestern Energy
00:57:34 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF), Montana
Contractors Association (MCA)
00:59:00 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCA)
01:00:06 Dustin Stewart, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association
(MBIA)
01:01:32 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:35 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
[EXHIBIT\(buh55a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:14:39 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:53 Rep. Clark
01:15:36 Al Smith, MTLA
01:16:10 Rep. Clark
01:16:54 Al Smith, MTLA
01:17:23 Rep. Clark
01:17:33 Oliver Goe, MSIA
01:19:12 Rep. Hunter
01:19:51 Al Smith, MTLA
01:20:38 Rep. Hunter
01:21:48 Kevin Braun, MSF
01:22:47 Rep. Ricci
01:23:16 Kevin Braun, MSF
01:23:40 Rep. Pope
01:24:53 Kevin Braun, MSF
01:25:05 Rep. Pope
01:25:31 Kevin Braun, MSF
01:25:38 Rep. Pope
01:25:53 Kevin Braun, MSF
01:26:09 Rep. Olsen
01:27:41 Kevin Braun, MSF
01:28:10 Rep. Olsen
01:28:26 Kevin Braun, MSF

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:02 Sen. Tutvedt

01:31:17 Chairman Berry

01:31:32 Recessed.

01:44:49 Reconvened.

HEARING ON SB 289

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:56 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 289, Revise campaign finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:44 Andrew Huff, Chief Legal Counsel, Governor's Office (GO)

EXHIBIT(buh55a03)

02:02:18 Sandy Welch, Self

02:13:00 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

EXHIBIT(buh55a04)

02:20:04 Margaret Grayson, Missoula, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)

02:20:30 Rep. Staffanson arrived.

02:21:27 Denise Roth Barber, Managing Director, National Institute on Money in State Politics, FollowtheMoney.org

02:26:09 Mark Mackin, Helena, Self

02:28:53 Sue Hoell, Montana League of Women Voters

02:29:38 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)

02:30:27 C. B. Pearson, Common Cause of Montana

02:31:03 Nancy Leifer, Missoula, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

02:31:37 Chuck Denowh, Internet Coalition

EXHIBIT(buh55a05)

02:34:35 Brent Mead, Executive Director, Montana Policy Institute

02:42:13 Vice Chair Salomon took the gavel.

02:42:15 Chairmen Berry left the meeting.

02:42:21 Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party

02:44:12 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

02:45:36 Rep. Berry returned and resumed as chair.

02:53:48 Chris Gallus, Attorney, Helena

Informational Testimony:

03:10:45 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commission on Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:12:37 Rep. Clark

03:13:22 Sandy Welch, Self

03:14:38 Rep. Clark

03:14:57 Sandy Welch, Self

03:16:20 Rep. Fitzpatrick

03:17:19 Andrew Huff, GO

03:18:22 Rep. Fitzpatrick
03:19:12 Andrew Huff, GO
03:20:35 Rep. Fitzpatrick
03:21:30 Andrew Huff, GO
03:21:59 Rep. Welborn
03:23:10 Jonathan Motl, COPP
03:23:58 Rep. Fitzpatrick
03:24:51 Andrew Huff, GO
03:26:09 Rep. Fitzpatrick
03:26:35 Andrew Huff, GO
03:27:54 Rep. Lang
03:28:17 Jonathan Motl, COPP
03:28:46 Jeff Laszloffy, MFF
03:30:27 Rep. Pope
03:31:43 Jonathan Motl, COPP
03:32:28 Rep. Ricci
03:33:25 Jonathan Motl, COPP
03:34:15 Rep. Ricci
03:34:50 Andrew Huff, GO
03:35:58 Rep. Ricci
03:36:15 Andrew Huff, GO
03:36:57 Rep. Pierson
03:37:21 Jeff Laszloffy, MFF
03:37:44 Rep. Pierson

Closing by Sponsor:

03:39:33 Sen. Ankney

03:43:59 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:44:30

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh55aad.pdf](#))