

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 13, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, 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 23, 1/5/2015; SB 24, 1/5/2015; SB 25, 1/5/2015

**HEARING ON SB 23**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:58 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 23. Limiting liability for title insurers of condominiums converted to townhouses.

**[EXHIBIT\(bus07a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:07 Tom Llewellyn, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

00:09:08 Bill Van Canagan, legal counsel, MAR

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:22:00 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

00:22:40 Chairman Buttrey

00:22:46 Mr. Sewell, agent, MLTA

00:26:37 William Gowen, president elect, MLTA

**[EXHIBIT\(bus07a02\)](#)**

00:30:02 Amy Grmoljez, Montana Banker's Association (MBA)

00:31:48 Donya Parrish, Montana's Credit Unions

**Informational Testimony:**

00:32:32 Rocky Haralson, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:16 Sen. Connell

00:38:16 Mr. Van Canagan

00:38:55 Chairman Buttrey

00:39:01 Sen. Connell

00:39:35 Mr. Sewell

00:41:43 Sen. Brown

00:42:22 Mr. Sewell

00:42:50 Sen. Facey

00:45:32 Mr. Van Canagan

00:45:55 Sen. Facey

00:46:26 Ms. Grmoljez

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:08 Sen. Webb

00:48:49 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 24**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:23 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 24. Generally revise condominium and townhouse ownership laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:50:16 Tom Llewellyn, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
00:52:42 Bill Van Canagan, land use counsel, MAR  
00:54:48 Cynthia Monteau-Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:55:44 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)  
00:56:33 Amy Grmoljez, Montana Banker's Association (MBA)  
00:56:58 William Gowen, MLTA

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:57:51 Sen. Brown  
00:59:28 Ms. Monteau-Moore  
01:00:08 Sen. Connell  
01:04:03 Ms. Monteau-Moore  
01:04:47 Sen. Facey  
01:05:15 Mr. Sewell  
01:05:42 Sen. Facey  
01:06:08 Ms. Grmoljez  
01:07:41 Chairman Buttrey  
01:08:01 Sen. Webb, redirect  
01:08:09 Mr. Llewellyn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:08:47 Sen. Webb  
01:09:32 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 25**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:09:42 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 25. Generally revise condominium and townhouse ownership laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:10:46 Tom Llewellyn, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
01:14:39 Bill Van Canagan, land use legal counsel, MAR

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:18:12 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)  
01:19:24 Amy Grmoljez, Montana Banker's Association (MBA)  
01:20:43 William Gowen, MLTA  
01:21:40 Barb Kingery, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
01:22:27 Donya Parrish, Montana's Credit Unions

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:23:22 Sen. Connell  
01:25:27 Mr. Van Canagan  
  
01:25:36 Sen. Vance left the hearing.  
  
01:26:09 Sen. Facey  
01:26:53 Ms. Kingery  
01:27:21 Sen. Facey  
01:28:02 Chairman Buttrey  
01:28:13 Sen. Brown  
01:28:25 Chairman Buttrey  
01:28:43 Sen. Connell  
01:29:09 Chairman Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:29:33 Sen. Webb  
  
01:30:24 Chairman Buttrey

**Committee Business:**

01:30:49 Chairman Buttrey  
01:31:00 Sen. Connell  
01:31:16 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:32 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus07aad.pdf](#))**