

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 21, 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. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

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 123, 1/13/2015; SB 2, 1/13/2015

Executive Action: SB 35

HEARING ON SB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:1:52 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 123. Revising the regulatory authority over the Montana State Fund.

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:41 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)

00:18:42 Jesse Laslovich, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor's Office (CSI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a02\)](#)

00:29:26 Mike Sell, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAM)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a03\)](#)

00:30:52 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA); also speaking on behalf of Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCIAA); and Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group (FIG)

00:38:45 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:40:10 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)

00:41:11 Rob Worthington, Montana Self Insurers Corporation (MSIA)

00:42:45 Barry "Spook" Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:55 Charles Walking Child, small business owner

Informational Testimony:

00:46:28 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:47:17 Bill Wheeler, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

00:47:34 Mike Taylor, National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:45 Sen. Brown

00:49:27 Sen. Tutvedt (redirect)

00:51:12 Sen. Brown

00:52:11 Mr. Laslovich, CSI

00:52:26 Sen. Facey

00:53:41 Ms. Lenmark, AIA

00:54:17 Sen. Facey

00:54:57 Mr. Stang, MCM

00:57:28 Sen. Facey

00:58:02 Chairman Buttrey

00:58:13 Sen. Facey

00:58:50 Mr. Laslovich
 00:59:51 Sen. Vance
 01:01:49 Mr. Laslovich
 01:02:02 Sen. Facey
 01:04:09 Ms. Tori Hunthausen, legislative auditor, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)
 01:04:42 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
 01:05:14 Ms. Siaparis, MACo
 01:05:40 Mr. Taylor, NCCI
 01:06:01 Sen. Vance
 01:06:08 Mr. Laslovich
 01:06:35 Sen. Arntzen
 01:09:53 Mr. Laslovich
 01:10:13 Sen. Arntzen
 01:10:20 Ms. Hunthausen
 01:11:06 Sen. Facey
 01:12:43 Ms. Butler
 01:13:06 Sen. Vance
 01:13:25 Ms. Butler

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:40 Sen. Tutvedt
 01:15:49 Recess
 01:22:42 Resume

HEARING ON SB 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:56 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 2. Raise state minimum wage.

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:54 Pam Bucy, commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
 01:28:04 Chris Cavazos, Montana AFL-CIO
 01:28:28 J. C. Weingartner, MEA-MFT
 01:29:44 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project (MOP)
[EXHIBIT\(bus13a07\)](#)
 01:31:42 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)
 01:33:29 Charles Walking Child, small business owner
 01:37:04 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 233 (IBEW)
 01:37:21 Eric Anderson, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 190
 01:38:09 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:38:57 Brad Griffin, president, Montana Retail Association (MRA), Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a08\)](#)

01:41:51 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCOC)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a09\)](#)

01:47:55 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity - Montana (AFP)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a11\)](#)

01:55:24 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:56:28 Sen. Facey
01:57:25 Mr. Balyeat, AFP
01:57:31 Sen. Johnson
01:57:36 Sen. Facey
01:57:44 Mr. Balyeat
01:58:34 Sen. Facey
01:58:43 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:00:49 Ms. Rice, MOP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:02 Sen. Windy Boy

Committee Business:

02:02:17 Chairman Buttrey
02:02:45 Sen. Facey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 35

02:03:17 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 35 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:03:48 Sen. Facey
02:04:13 Mr. Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:04:20 Sen. Brown
02:04:50 Sen. Facey
02:05:02 Chairman Buttrey
02:05:19 Mr. Walker
02:05:49 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

02:06:36 Sen. Connell

02:07:08 Sen. Facey

02:07:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Brown voting no.

Committee Business:

02:07:54 Chairman Buttrey

02:08:10 Sen. Arntzen

02:08:27 Sen. Brown

02:08:56 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus13aad.pdf](#))