

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 29, 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) (entered 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 149, 1/20/2015; SB 163, 1/20/2015; HB 63, 1/26/2015;

**HEARING ON SB 149**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:42 Sen. Matthew Rosendale (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 149. Authorize direct primary care provider plans.

[EXHIBIT\(bus20a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus20a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:34 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:07:51 Doug Kimball, optometrist, past president Montana Optometric Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:09:12 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:13:36 Jesse Laslovich, Office of the Commissioner of Securities & Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:53 Sen. Connell

00:15:12 Mr. Spencer, AHIP

00:15:59 Sen. Connell

00:16:40 Sen. Rosendale

00:17:23 Sen. Smith

00:19:51 Sen. Rosendale

00:20:11 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:21:10 Mr. Laslovich, CSI

00:21:29 Sen. Facey

00:25:33 Sen. Rosendale

00:26:17 Sen. Brown

00:26:21 Rep. Albert Olszewski, HD 11, testifying as a Kalispell physician

00:28:27 Sen. Vuckovich

00:29:15 Sen. Rosendale

00:30:21 Sen. Arntzen

00:32:07 Sen. Rosendale

00:32:54 Sen. Facey

00:35:33 Rep. Olszewski, MD

00:36:42 Sen. Facey

00:38:34 Mr. Laslovich

00:39:15 Sen. Smith

00:40:16 Sen. Rosendale

00:40:32 Sen. Whitford

00:41:31 Sen. Rosendale

00:42:06 Chairman Buttrey

00:44:04 Mr. Olszewski  
00:44:32 Chairman Buttrey  
00:45:44 Mr. Spencer  
00:45:52 Sen. Facey  
00:46:11 Mr. Laslovich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:30 Sen. Rosendale  
00:47:48 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 63**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:48:36 Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 63. Revise licensing/regulation of engineers and land surveyors.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:50:27 Hal Jacobson, former state representative; member, Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors  
00:54:38 Ian Marquand, executive officer, Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**EXHIBIT(bus20a03)**

00:59:15 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
01:00:05 Darryl James, Montana Society of Engineers, MSE  
01:02:08 Jay Skoog, executive director, American Council of Engineering Companies of Montana (ACEC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:03:51 Sen. Facey  
01:04:39 Mr. Skoog, ACEC (redirect)  
01:04:43 Mr. Marquand, DLI  
01:07:19 Chairman Buttrey  
01:07:44 Mr. Marquand  
01:08:28 Sen. Arntzen  
01:08:45 Mr. Marquand

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:45 Rep. Swanson

01:10:24 Chairman Buttrey

01:10:37 Sen. Arntzen assumed the role of Chair.

**HEARING ON SB 163**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:13:30 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 163. Generally revise economic development laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:17:30 Sean Becker, division administrator, Business Resources Division, Department of Commerce (COM)

01:21:13 Brett Doney, president, Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA), also representing Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

01:26:28 Sarah Converse, executive director, Sweetgrass Development

01:28:32 Melissa Lewis, City of Shelby, Port of Northern Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:00 Vice Chair Arntzen

01:29:32 Sen. Buttrey

01:29:59 Vice Chair Arntzen

01:30:08 Sen. Brown

01:30:45 Sen. Buttrey

01:31:13 Sen. Whitford

01:31:29 Sen. Buttrey (redirect)

01:31:42 Mr. Becker, COM

01:32:26 Sen. Facey

01:32:32 Mr. Becker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:32:58 Sen. Buttrey

01:35:09 Vice Chair Arntzen

01:35:14 Sen. Buttrey assumed the role of Chair

01:35:51 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:38 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus20aad.pdf](#))**