

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 11, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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

**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: HB 208, 2/25/2015; HB 259, 2/25/2015; HB 396, 2/25/2015; HB 306, 3/9/2015

**HEARING ON HB 208**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:33 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 208. Revise pawnbroker register requirements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:09 Ericka Hughes, pawnbroker, pawn shop owner, Missoula

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:01 Sen. Whitford  
00:09:49 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:10:27 Sen. Arntzen  
00:10:32 Rep. Moore (redirect)  
00:11:52 Ms. Hughes, pawnbroker  
00:12:27 Chairman Buttrey  
00:12:55 Ms. Hughes  
00:13:44 Chairman Buttrey  
00:13:55 Rep. Moore  
00:15:03 Sen. Whitford  
00:16:05 Ms. Hughes  
00:18:11 Sen. Facey  
00:18:48 Rep. Moore  
00:19:00 Chairman Buttrey  
00:19:56 Rep. Moore (redirect)  
00:20:37 Mr. Walker, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:07 Rep. Moore

**HEARING ON HB 259**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:12 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 259. Revise requirements regarding vehicle titles & auto dealers, wholesalers, auctions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:27 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA)  
00:24:34 Owen Kelley, Montana Independent Automobile Dealers Association

00:28:32 Joe Billion, car dealer, Bozeman  
00:30:53 Bob Gilbert, Montana Tow Truck Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:31:53 Rep. Andrea Olsen, HD 100  
[EXHIBIT\(bus50a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus50a02\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus50a03\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus50a04\)](#)

00:42:14 Chairman Buttrey

**Informational Testimony:**

00:42:32 Peter Funk, assistant attorney general, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:17 Sen. Facey  
00:44:06 Mr. Funk, DOJ  
00:44:58 Sen. Facey  
00:46:25 Mr. Knudsen, MADA  
00:46:46 Sen. Vance  
00:46:53 Mr. Billion, car dealer  
00:49:59 Chairman Buttrey  
00:50:04 Mr. Billion (redirect)  
00:50:37 Chairman Buttrey  
00:51:13 Mr. Funk

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:53:05 Rep. Moore  
00:55:15 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 396**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:56:39 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 396. Revise laws related to small business impact analysis.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:58:21 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus50a05\)](#)  
01:04:06 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractor's Association (MCA)  
01:04:43 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

01:05:32 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business  
01:06:35 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association; also speaking for Brad Griffin,  
Montana Retail Association, Montana Restaurant Association  
01:06:57 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:04 Sen. Facey  
01:08:07 Rep. Jones  
01:08:27 Sen. Facey  
01:09:23 Mr. Oppel, MCC  
01:09:57 Chairman Buttrey  
01:10:03 Sen. Facey  
01:10:06 Sen. Brown  
01:10:55 Mr. Oppel  
01:11:49 Chairman Buttrey  
01:12:13 Mr. Oppel  
01:12:31 Sen. Connell  
01:15:17 Mr. Stewart, MBIA  
01:15:23 Chairman Buttrey  
01:15:33 Sen. Arntzen  
01:15:39 Mr. Oppel  
01:16:32 Sen. Connell  
01:17:24 Mr. Hegreberg, MCA  
01:17:35 Chairman Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:17:42 Rep. Jones  
01:18:51 Sen. Brown  
01:19:17 Sen. Whitford

### **HEARING ON HB 306**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:19:48 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 306. Revise unemployment insurance benefits for victims of domestic violence.

**[EXHIBIT\(bus50a06\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:24:03 Pam Bucy, commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**[EXHIBIT\(bus50a07\)](#)**

01:30:48 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
(MCADSV)  
01:35:09 Tara Jensen, Montana Budget and Policy Center  
01:37:00 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers  
(MEA/MFT)  
01:37:40 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:38:26 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:39:05 Rep. Eck  
01:39:20 Sen. Brown  
01:39:44 Ms. Bucy, DLI  
01:40:12 Sen. Brown  
01:40:37 Rep. Eck (redirect)  
01:41:24 Sen. Brown  
01:42:25 Ms. Turner, MCADSV  
01:43:26 Sen. Facey  
01:44:57 Ms. Bucy  
01:45:40 Sen. Arntzen  
01:45:44 Ms. Bucy  
01:46:14 Sen. Connell  
01:46:58 Ms. Bucy  
01:48:09 Sen. Whitford  
01:50:60 Ms. Turner  
01:51:57 Sen. Whitford  
01:52:02 Ms. Bucy  
01:52:34 Sen. Arntzen  
01:52:39 Rep. Eck

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:53:26 Rep. Eck  
01:53:55 Chairman Buttrey

**Committee Business:**

01:54:06 Sen. Whitford  
01:54:23 Sen. Arntzen  
01:54:26 Chairman Buttrey  
01:54:50 Sen. Vance  
01:54:58 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:55 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus50aad.pdf](#))**