

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 18, 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)
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: HB 29, 3/5/2015; HB 550, 3/9/2015; HB 481, 3/13/2015; SB 393,
3/13/2015

Committee Business:

00:01:56 Chairman Buttrey
00:02:14 Sen. Brown
00:02:25 Sen. Arntzen

HEARING ON SB 393

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:56 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 393. Revise vehicle security interest & title filing fees; driver license renewals.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:27 Sara Garcia, Department of Justice (DOJ)
[EXHIBIT\(bus56a01\)](#)

00:17:19 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association (MADA)
00:18:02 Donya Parrish, Montana's Credit Unions
00:18:35 Steve Turkiewicz, president, Montana Banker's Association
00:20:30 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association (MCTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:51 Sen. Brown
00:24:41 Ms. Garcia, DOJ
00:25:47 Chairman Buttrey
00:27:58 Ms. Garcia
00:28:39 Sen. Facey
00:30:59 Ms. Wiggers, MCTA
00:31:56 Sen. Connell
00:33:13 Ms. Garcia (redirect)
00:33:33 Kristine Thatcher, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:34:41 Sen. Connell
00:36:16 Ms. Thatcher, DOJ
00:36:21 Chairman Buttrey
00:37:03 Ms. Thatcher

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:44 Sen. Arntzen
00:38:33 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 550

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:02 Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 550. Revise credit union laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:27 Donya Parrish, Montana's Credit Unions
[EXHIBIT\(bus56a02\)](#)

00:50:31 Melanie Hall, commissioner, Banking and Financial Institutions, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:36 Sen. Connell
00:54:25 Ms. Hall, DOA
00:55:56 Chairman Buttrey
00:57:11 Ms. Hall
00:58:04 Sen. Brown
01:00:20 Ms. Hall
01:00:56 Sen. Facey
01:01:00 Ms. Hall
01:01:20 Chairman Buttrey
01:01:25 Ms. Hall

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:45 Rep. Swanson

01:02:13 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:20 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 29. Revise regulation and duties regarding real estate appraisers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:54 Pete Fontana, Montana Board of Real Estate Appraisers, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
[EXHIBIT\(bus56a03\)](#)

01:10:19 Donya Parrish, Montana's Credit Unions
01:11:59 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Banker's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:51 Sen. Brown
01:16:51 Mr. Fontana, DLI
01:17:45 Sen. Whitford
01:21:31 Mr. Fontana
01:22:39 Sen. Facey
01:26:22 Mr. Fontana
01:26:30 Sen. Connell
01:28:58 Mr. Fontana
01:29:44 Sen. Vance
01:29:48 Mr. Fontana
01:30:12 Sen. Arntzen
01:30:32 Mr. Fontana
01:31:43 Sen. Brown
01:31:55 Mr. Fontana (redirect)
01:33:21 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
01:33:47 Chairman Buttrey
01:34:39 Mr. Fontana
01:35:39 Sen. Vance
01:35:42 Ms. Bovington, DLI
01:36:24 Sen. Arntzen
01:36:29 Ms. Bovington

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:45 Rep. Jacobson
01:37:33 Chairman Buttrey
01:37:49 Recess
02:24:45 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 481

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:24:54 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 481. Revise security transaction exemption laws to allow certain transactions.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:31:13 Jeff Barber, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana
State Auditor (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:33:53 Sen. Smith
02:34:17 Rep. Hunter
02:34:25 Sen. Connell
02:34:42 Rep. Hunter (redirect)
02:35:04 Mr. Barber, CSI (redirect)
02:37:23 Lynne Egan, deputy securities commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of
Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)
02:37:58 Sen. Vance
02:38:31 Rep. Hunter
02:38:56 Sen. Facey
02:40:57 Ms. Egan, CSI
02:41:27 Sen. Arntzen
02:41:51 Rep. Hunter
02:43:11 Sen. Arntzen
02:43:16 Ms. Egan
02:43:25 Chairman Buttrey
02:46:14 Ms. Egan
02:46:26 Sen. Connell
02:46:46 Ms. Egan
02:46:55 Sen. Brown
02:47:18 Ms. Egan

Closing by Sponsor:

02:48:01 Rep. Hunter

Committee Business:

02:48:35 Chairman Buttrey
02:49:00 Sen. Facey
02:50:39 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:55 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus56aad.pdf](#))