

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 19, 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) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
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 363, 3/13/2015; HB 536, 3/16/2015; SB 398, 3/16, 2015

Executive Action: HB 350, HB 481, HB 522, HB 537, SB 193, HB 550

HEARING ON HB 536

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:01 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 536. Revise Captive Insurance Laws to Allow Political Subdivisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:28 John Huth, Montana Captive Insurance Association (MCIA)

[**EXHIBIT\(bus57a01\)**](#)

00:02:34 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Captive Insurance Association

00:03:43 Jeff Barber, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor Office (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:13 Sen. Brown

00:04:18 Rep. Berry (redirect)

00:04:41 Mr. Huth, MCIA

00:05:14 Sen. Arntzen

00:05:25 Mr. Huth

00:06:05 Chairman Buttrey

00:06:50 Mr. Huth

00:07:24 Sen. Facey

00:07:27 Mr. Huth

00:07:59 Sen. Arntzen

00:08:04 Mr. Huth

00:08:45 Sen. Whitford

00:09:03 Mr. Huth (redirect)

00:09:19 Steve Matthews, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor Office (CSI)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:25 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON HB 363

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:25 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 363. Revise laws regarding default of student loans.

[**EXHIBIT\(bus57a02\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:53 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project (MOP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:44 Sen. Brown
00:20:47 Rep. Funk
00:21:43 Sen. Arntzen
00:22:38 Rep. Funk
00:22:59 Sen. Whitford
00:23:34 Ms. Rice, MOP
00:24:45 Sen. Vuckovich
00:27:04 Rep. Funk
00:28:30 Chairman Buttrey
00:29:11 Rep. Funk
00:29:44 Sen. Connell
00:30:39 Chairman Buttrey
00:30:54 Sen. Facey
00:31:09 Chairman Buttrey
00:31:16 Sen. Arntzen
00:32:55 Rep. Funk
00:33:06 Chairman Buttrey
00:33:11 Rep. Funk
00:33:49 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:34:40 Ms. Rice

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:03 Rep. Funk

00:36:08 Chairman Buttrey
00:36:28 Sen. Arntzen
00:36:36 Chairman Buttrey

00:36:40 Recess
00:38:00 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 398

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:56 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 398. Revise workers' compensation dividend payment laws.

[EXHIBIT\(bus57a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:46 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)

EXHIBIT(bus57a04)

00:55:47 Barry 'Spook' Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

00:58:56 Bob Biskupiak, Independent Insurance Agents Association of Montana (IIAAM)

01:00:15 Bob Worthington, Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA)

01:01:07 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

01:02:15 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

01:03:45 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

01:04:46 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:16 Sen. Brown

01:07:54 Ms. Butler, MSF

01:08:59 Chairman Buttrey

01:09:26 Ms. Butler

01:09:50 Sen. Facey

01:10:31 Ms. Butler

01:11:31 Sen. Vuckovich

01:12:17 Mr. Stang, MCM

01:13:28 Sen. Vuckovich

01:13:40 Sen. Keane

01:14:19 Sen. Connell

01:20:24 Ms. Butler

01:20:28 Sen. Brown

01:24:03 Mark Barry, CFO, Montana State Fund (MSF)

01:24:08 Sen. Arntzen

01:24:52 Mr. Biskupiak, IIAAM

01:25:39 Sen. Arntzen

01:28:38 Ms. Butler

01:29:31 Sen. Facey

01:34:58 Ms. Butler

01:35:25 Sen. Vuckovich

01:35:46 Ms. Butler

01:35:57 Sen. Facey

01:36:27 Mr. Barry, MSF

01:36:50 Sen. Facey

01:37:40 Mr. Worthington, MSIA

01:37:47 Sen. Facey

01:38:34 Mr. Biskupiak

01:39:01 Sen. Facey

01:40:26 Sen. Keane

01:42:19 Chairman Buttrey

01:42:42 Ms. Butler (redirect)
 01:42:59 Mr. Barry
 01:46:47 Sen. Buttrey
 01:48:31 Ms. Butler
 01:48:47 Sen. Brown
 01:49:10 Ms. Butler
 01:49:24 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
 01:49:38 Chairman Buttrey
 01:49:45 Sen. Facey
 01:50:10 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
 01:50:22 Chairman Buttrey
 01:50:45 Sen. Whitford
 01:51:45 Ms. Butler

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:49 Sen. Keane
 01:53:58 Chairman Buttrey
 01:54:06 Sen. Facey

 01:54:30 Chairman Buttrey

 01:54:37 Recess
 02:18:28 Reconvene
 Sen. Smith did not return to the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 550

02:18:43 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 550 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:19:24 Chairman Buttrey
[EXHIBIT\(bus57a05\)](#)

02:19:47 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 550 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:19:55 Sen. Brown
 02:20:43 Sen. Facey
 02:21:01 Sen. Vuckovich
 02:21:24 Chairman Buttrey
 02:21:36 Sen. Facey
 02:22:26 Sen. Vuckovich
 02:22:31 Sen. Brown
 02:22:49 Sen. Vuckovich
 02:23:02 Sen. Connell

02:23:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

02:23:51 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 550 BE AMENDED.**

02:24:13 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division
[EXHIBIT\(bus57a06\)](#)

02:24:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused.

02:24:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 550 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 350

02:25:08 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 350 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:25:18 Chairman Buttrey

02:26:13 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 350 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(bus57a07\)](#)

Discussion:

02:26:27 Chairman Buttrey

02:26:29 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:27:36 Sen. Brown

02:27:48 Sen. Facey

02:27:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused.

02:28:03 Sen. Brown

02:28:12 Chairman Buttrey

02:28:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 481

02:28:38 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 481 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:29:04 Sen Connell

02:29:42 Sen. Brown

02:29:49 Chairman Buttrey

02:30:18 Sen. Connell

02:30:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused. Sen. Connell will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 522

02:30:55 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 522 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:31:12 Chairman Buttrey

02:31:21 Sen. Brown

02:31:54 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 522 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus57a08)

02:32:23 Chairman Buttrey

02:32:58 Sen. Facey

02:33:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy and Sen. Whitford voting aye. Sen. Smith was excused.

02:34:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 522 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 537

02:34:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **HB 537 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Smith was excused. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 193

02:35:25 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 193 DO PASS.**

02:35:37 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 193 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus57a09)

Discussion:

02:37:41 Sen. Buttrey

02:37:54 Sen. Facey

02:38:18 Chairman Buttrey

02:38:29 Sen. Arntzen

02:39:29 Chairman Buttrey

02:39:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

02:40:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 193 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy.

02:41:33 Sen. Brown

02:41:39 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:42 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus57aad.pdf](#))