

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 20, 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) (arrived after roll call)

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 324, 3/13/2015; SB 396, 3/18/2015

Committee Business:

00:01:11 Sen. Connell HB 542 (heard on 3/16/2015)

00:01:48 Sen. Brown SB 398 (heard on 3/19/2015)

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a01\)](#)

00:02:20 Sen. Connell HB 542

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a02\)](#)

00:03:13 Sen. Whitford SB 398

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a03\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:55 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 324. Revise laws related to health insurers certificates of creditable coverage.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:21 Bill Lombardi, Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:16 Rep. Welborn

00:07:56 Chairman Buttrey

00:08:17 Vice Chair Arntzen assumed the position of chair.

HEARING ON SB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:11 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 396. Generally revise regulation of transportation for hire laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:12 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a05\)](#)

00:24:18 Kenneth Nelson, Nelson Studios LLC
00:28:27 Chuck Denowh, Uber Technologies, UT

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a06\)](#)

00:40:12 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:41:55 Braden Fitzgerald, University of Montana student

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:00 Mary Garcia, Mining City Taxi

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a07\)](#)

01:00:09 Barry 'Spook' Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
01:01:27 Norma Duffy, Cowboy Taxi, Dillon
01:10:44 Kirk Hennefer, representing Montana Chauffeur and Transportation Association
(MCTA); owner of Valet Limousine Service, Missoula
01:35:44 Albert Guay III, Sunset Limousine Service, Butte
01:46:57 Vance Vanderpan, Greater Valley Taxi (GVT), Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a08\)](#)

02:00:33 Carrie Pintar, Amazing Taxi, Livingston

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a09\)](#)

02:02:45 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurance Association of America (PCIAA),
Allstate Insurance

02:05:00 Vice Chair Arntzen left the hearing. Sen. Vance took over the duties of the chair.

02:12:58 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

02:14:26 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a10\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:16:41 Chairman Vance
02:18:59 Mr. Kavulla, PSC
02:19:58 Sen. Connell
02:25:13 Mr. Kavulla
02:26:13 Sen. Facey
02:26:18 Mr. Stang, MCM
02:27:09 Sen. Facey
02:28:35 Mr. Kavulla
02:30:16 Sen. Facey
02:30:59 Mr. Denowh, UT
02:31:48 Sen. Facey
02:31:52 Mr. Spencer, PCIAA

02:33:00 Recess
02:38:48 Reconvene
Vice Chair Arntzen returned and assumed the role of chair.

02:38:54 Sen. Whitford
02:40:15 Mr. Spencer (redirect)
02:43:10 Mr. Hennefer, MCTA
02:43:50 Sen. Whitford
02:46:44 Mr. Vanderpan, GVT
02:47:03 Vice Chair Arntzen
02:47:09 Mr. Kavulla
02:47:54 Sen. Whitford
02:49:50 Mr. Kavulla
02:51:56 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

Closing by Sponsor:

02:52:53 Sen. Facey did the closing as Sen. Buttrey had to leave the hearing.
02:54:16 Vice Chair Arntzen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:55 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus58aad.pdf](#))