

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Brown, on January 19, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (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 132, 1/13/2017

Executive Action: SB 72, Do Pass As Amended

00:00:05 Chair Brown

00:00:15 Sen. Vuckovich left the hearing.

**HEARING ON HB 132**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:27 Rep. Nate McConnell (D), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 132. Revise unemployment insurance laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:00:54 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus14a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:02:45 Sen. Connell  
00:03:15 Ms. Bovington, DLI  
00:03:36 Sen. Connell  
00:03:56 Sen. Facey  
00:04:24 Ms. Bovington  
00:04:50 Sen. Salomon  
00:04:55 Chair Brown  
00:05:59 Ms. Bovington

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:29 Rep. McConnell

00:07:44 Chair Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 72**

00:07:58 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved to **RECONSIDER THE ACTION** on **SB 72**.

**Discussion:**

00:08:10 Chair Brown

00:08:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Small voted by proxy. Sen. Vuckovich was excused.

**Discussion:**

00:08:25 Sen. Facey **WITHDREW** a conceptual amendment presented on January 18.

00:09:05 Chair Brown

[EXHIBIT\(bus14a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:09:57 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:10:05 Chair Brown

00:11:12 Sen. Facey

00:11:27 Chair Brown

00:11:44 Sen. Facey

00:11:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 72 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Small voted by proxy. Sen. Vuckovich was excused.

00:12:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 72 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Small voted by proxy. Sen. Vuckovich was excused.

00:13:05 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:17 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus14aad.pdf](#))**