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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 21, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, 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: SB 264, 2/17/2017; SB 291, 2/17/2017; SB 292, 2/17/2017; SR 7, 2/17/2017

Executive Action: SB 264 - Do Pass As Amended
SB 291 - Do Pass
SB 292 - Do Pass
SB 222 - Do Pass As Amended
SB 243 - Do Pass
SB 294 - Do Pass As Amended
SR 7 - Be Adopted As Amended

HEARING ON SB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Sen. Nels Swandal (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 264, Revising rulemaking for reporting to Board of Outfitters.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:17 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
[EXHIBIT\(bus38a01\)](#)

00:03:13 Tyler Moss, attorney, representing MOGA
[EXHIBIT\(bus38a02\)](#)

00:08:49 Mac Minard, executive director, MOGA
[EXHIBIT\(bus38a03\)](#)

00:12:19 Brett Todd, representing himself
[EXHIBIT\(bus38a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:06 John Way, hunting and fishing outfitter, Ennis; vice chairman, Montana Board of Outfitters, Department of Labor and Industry, speaking for himself

00:18:35 Robin Cunningham, member, Montana Board of Outfitters, speaking for himself
[EXHIBIT\(bus38a05\)](#)

00:21:27 Joe Perry, retired dryland farmer, Conrad; representing Montana Sportsmen Alliance

00:28:33 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(bus38a06\)](#)

00:34:49 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:38:19 Sam Milodragovich, member of several sportsmen groups, Butte
[EXHIBIT\(bus38a07\)](#)

00:41:48 Harold Johns, Skyline Sportsman Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:40 Sen. Brown
00:44:08 Mr. Way, self
00:44:55 Sen. Brown
00:45:16 Mr. Way
00:45:46 Sen. Brown

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00:47:54 Sen. Connell
00:48:36 Mr. McDonald
00:49:03 Sen. Connell
00:49:17 Mr. Minard, MOGA
00:50:28 Sen. Connell
00:50:42 Mr. Minard
00:51:03 Sen. Connell
00:51:25 Mr. McDonald
00:51:36 Sen. Connell
00:51:43 Mr. McDonald
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00:59:21 Mr. Moss, MOGA
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01:05:09 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:05:45 Mr. Moss
01:06:00 Sen. Fitzpatrick
01:06:46 Mr. McDonald

01:08:38 Chair Buttrey
01:08:47 Mr. McDonald
01:08:53 Sen. Facey
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01:14:42 Sen. Facey
01:15:12 Mr. Minard
01:16:36 Sen. Connell
01:16:57 Mr. McDonald
01:17:22 Sen. Connell
01:17:33 Mr. Cunningham, self
01:18:32 Sen. Facey
01:18:55 Mr. Cunningham
01:21:38 Sen. Facey
01:22:47 Mr. Minard

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:13 Sen. Swandal

HEARING ON SB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:20 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 291, Revise lien filings for certain ambulance bills.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:30:32 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans
01:32:26 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:35:08 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties

Informational Testimony:

01:36:33 Bruce Spencer, attorney, Helena

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:25 Sen. Facey

HEARING ON SB 292

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:28 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 292, Revise credit reporting laws for air ambulance debt from balance billing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:40:41 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties
01:41:10 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans
01:41:39 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
01:42:30 Alan Hulse, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority
01:43:05 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association
01:44:33 Chair Buttrey

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:44:52 Bruce Spencer, attorney, Helena

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:10 Sen. Facey

Vice Chair Brown assumed the role as Chair.

HEARING ON SR 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:14 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SR 7, Confirm Governor's appointees to boards related to business.

[EXHIBIT\(bus38a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus38a09\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:44 Chair Brown
01:55:08 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:42 Sen. Buttrey

Sen. Buttrey resumed the role as chair.

01:56:26 Chair Buttrey
01:57:21 Sen. Connell
01:57:58 Chair Buttrey

01:59:45 Recess
02:15:58 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 264

02:16:09 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 264 DO PASS.**

02:16:33 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **SB 264 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus38a10)

Discussion:

02:16:41 Sen. Salomon
02:16:51 Sen. Brown
02:17:14 Sen. Facey

02:17:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Vance was excused.

02:17:41 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 264 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:17:52 Sen. Facey
02:18:25 Chair Buttrey
02:18:44 Sen. Connell

02:19:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Salomon and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 291

02:20:26 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 291 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:20:38 Sen. Facey
02:21:09 Chair Buttrey

02:21:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 292

02:21:34 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 292 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:21:56 Sen. Smith

02:22:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 222

02:22:44 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 222 DO PASS.**

02:22:51 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 222 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus38a11)

Discussion:

02:22:57 Sen. Fitzpatrick
02:23:29 Chair Buttrey
02:23:36 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:23:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Vance was excused.

02:23:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 222 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 243

02:24:31 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 243 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:24:41 Sen. Connell
02:25:23 Sen. Brown
02:25:58 Sen. Salomon
02:26:23 Chair Buttrey
02:26:44 Sen. Facey
02:27:18 Sen. Connell
02:27:24 Chair Buttrey
02:27:47 Sen. Connell

02:28:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Salomon and Sen. F. Smith voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 294

02:29:05 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 294 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:29:20 Chair Buttrey

02:29:36 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:30:04 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 294 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus38a12)

Discussion:

02:30:13 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:30:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Vance was excused.

02:31:02 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 294 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY.**

02:31:36 Sen. Vance entered the hearing.

Discussion:

02:32:05 Chair Buttrey

02:32:26 Sen. Connell

02:32:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Vance was excused.

02:32:45 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 294 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:33:01 Sen. Facey

02:33:25 Sen. Fitzpatrick

02:33:39 Sen. Brown

02:34:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 7

02:34:27 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 7 BE ADOPTED.**

02:34:44 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 7 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus38a13)

Discussion:

02:34:55 Chair Buttrey

02:35:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:35:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 7 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Business:

02:35:49 Chair Buttrey

02:36:22 Sen. Connell

02:36:32 Chair Buttrey

02:36:38 Sen. Facey

02:36:48 Chair Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:37 AM

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus38aad.pdf](#))