

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 22, 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:** 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: SB 316, 2/20/2017; SB 298, 2/20/2017; SB 312, 2/20/2017; SB 302, 2/20/2017; SB 275, 2/20/2017

Executive Action: Do Pass: SB 312, SB 302, SB 275  
Tabled: SB 316

**HEARING ON SB 316**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:17 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 316. Provide global signature authority to advanced practice registered nurses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:08 Vicky Byrd, executive director, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus39a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus39a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:10:33 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:24 Sen. Brown

00:16:33 Ms. Branscum, MMA

00:17:06 Sen. Brown

00:17:57 Ms. Byrd, MNA

00:18:06 Sen. Connell

00:19:13 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:20:17 Sen. Brown

00:20:38 Mr. Walker, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:56 Sen. Gauthier

00:21:32 Chair Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 298**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:49 Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 298. Revise workers compensation relating to religious individuals and entities.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:13 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

00:26:42 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

**Informational Testimony:**

00:28:10 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)  
00:28:23 Steve Wade, Montana Contractor's Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:03 Sen. Brown  
00:31:34 Sen. Osmundson  
00:32:44 Sen. Facey  
00:34:00 Mr. Braun, MSF  
00:34:21 Sen. Connell  
00:35:46 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division, LSD  
00:36:47 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:39:02 Mr. Walker, LSD redirect  
00:39:17 Sen. Osmundson  
00:40:15 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:40:56 Sen. Osmundson  
00:42:24 Sen. Facey  
00:43:00 Sen. Osmundson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:43:46 Sen. Osmundson  
  
00:44:15 Chair Buttrey  
00:44:48 Mr. Walker  
00:45:22 Chair Buttrey  
00:46:31 Sen. Vance  
00:46:49 Chair Buttrey  
  
00:47:14 Recess  
00:53:08 Reconvened  
  
00:53:15 Vice Chair Brown assumed the position of chair.

**HEARING ON SB 302**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00p:53:26 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 302. Allow certain gambling with cash or check.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:54:35 Angela Nunn, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
00:56:16 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association  
00:56:59 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association  
00:57:26 Dan McGowan, auctioneer

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:59:08 Sen. Small  
00:59:50 Ms. Nunn, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:00:56 Sen. Buttrey  
01:01:31 Chair Brown

**HEARING ON SB 275**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:01:38 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 275. Revise construction industry in workers' compensation premium credit program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:02:31 Nancy Butler, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:06:07 Bruce Spencer, National Council of Compensation Insurance

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:06:27 Sen. Facey  
01:08:30 Ms. Butler, CSI

**[EXHIBIT\(bus39a03\)](#)**

01:08:59 Sen. Connell  
01:09:11 Sen. Brown  
01:09:15 Sen. Salomon  
01:09:24 Ms. Butler  
01:09:40 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:11:00 Ms. Butler  
01:11:25 Sen. Connell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:12:11 Sen. Buttrey

01:13:04 Chair Brown  
01:13:17 Sen. Buttrey assumed the position of chair.  
01:15:25 Recess  
01:28:39 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 312**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:28:47 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 312. Revise laws relating to prescription drug use.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:30:26 Don Judge, Labor Management Advisory Council  
01:32:57 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
01:33:45 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:34:26 Bruce Spencer, National Council of Compensation Insurance (NCCI)  
**[EXHIBIT\(bus39a04\)](#)**  
01:38:16 Mark Cadwallader, Department of Labor and Industry

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:38:42 Sen. Brown  
01:38:45 Sen. Welborn redirect  
01:40:03 Mr. Strauss, DLI  
01:40:28 Sen. Facey  
01:40:34 Mr. Strauss  
01:40:50 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:41:15 Mr. Spencer, NCCI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:41:27 Sen. Welborn  
01:41:52 Chair Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 316**

01:42:10 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 316 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:42:34 Sen. Facey  
01:43:10 Sen. Brown  
01:43:43 Chair Buttrey  
01:44:08 Sen. Facey  
01:44:38 Sen. Brown  
01:45:20 Chair Buttrey  
01:45:24 Sen. Connell  
01:46:05 Sen. Smith  
01:46:26 Chair Buttrey

01:46:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. F. Smith voting aye.

01:47:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 316 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 312**

01:47:34 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 312 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:47:58 Sen. Buttrey  
01:48:07 Sen. Facey

01:48:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 302**

01:48:28 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 302 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:48:36 Chair Buttrey  
01:49:03 Sen. Brown

01:49:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 275**

01:49:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 275 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:50:05 Chair Buttrey  
01:50:11 Sen. Facey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 298**

01:50:16     **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 298 DO PASS.**

01:50:20     Without objection, Sen. D. Brown withdrew the DO PASS motion.

01:50:32     Chair Buttrey

**Committee Business:**

01:50:57     Sen. Facey

01:51:05     Chair Buttrey

01:51:23     Sen. Facey

01:51:34     Chair Buttrey

01:51:37     Sen. Vance

01:52:09     Chair Buttrey

01:52:28     Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division

01:52:38     Chair Buttrey

01:52:52     Sen. Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:53 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus39aad.pdf](#))**