

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 15, 2019 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, 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 53, 1/10/2019; HB 67, 1/10/2019; HB 74, 1/10/2019

08:31:06 Vice Chair Ricci

HEARING ON HB 53

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:31:43 Rep. Rae Peppers (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 53, Revise Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund program.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:34:46 Marty Tuttle, Acting Director, Montana Department of Commerce, (COM)

[**EXHIBIT\(buh07a01\)**](#)

08:39:51 Ken Fichtler, Governor's Office

08:43:41 Lillian Sunwall, Great Falls Development Authority

08:46:35 Jennifer O'Brien, Montana Craft Malt

08:52:00 Joe Willauer, Butte Local Development Corporation (BLDC)

08:54:08 Brian Obert, Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC), Montana Economic Developer's Association (MEDA)

08:56:46 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:57:38 Rep. Buttrey

08:58:22 Director Tuttle, COM

08:58:45 Garrett Norcott, Department of Commerce

08:59:34 Rep. Buttrey

08:59:53 Garrett Norcott, COM

08:59:57 Rep. Buttrey

09:00:14 Garrett Norcott, COM

09:00:47 Rep. Buttrey

09:01:18 Garrett Norcott, COM

09:01:50 Vice Chair Ricci

09:02:10 Rep. Gunderson

09:02:25 Director Tuttle, COM

09:02:53 Rep. Gunderson

09:03:02 Director Tuttle, COM

09:03:49 Rep. Curdy

09:04:31 Director Tuttle, COM

09:04:51 Sean Becker, Department of Commerce (COM)

09:05:11 Rep. Curdy

09:05:18 Sean Becker, COM

Closing by Sponsor:

09:05:40 Rep. Peppers

[**EXHIBIT\(buh07a02\)**](#)

HEARING ON HB 67**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:07:08 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 67, Revise unemployment insurance benefits for members of the military.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:08:25 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry, (DLI)
[EXHIBIT\(buh07a03\)](#)

09:11:56 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:12:43 Rep. Vinton
09:13:16 Judy Bovington, DLI
09:13:35 Rep. Vinton
09:14:22 Judy Bovington, DLI
09:14:52 Vice Chair Ricci
09:15:18 Judy Bovington, DLI
09:16:02 Brenda Nordlund, Department of Labor and Industry, (DLI)

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:55 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96

HEARING ON HB 74**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:17:57 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 74, Revise laws related to restitution for insurance consumers.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:20:57 Brett Olin, State Auditors Office (CSI)
09:22:50 Pat Fox, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
[EXHIBIT\(buh07a04\)](#)

09:27:05 John Morrison, Self

Committee Discussion:

09:32:24 Rep. Buttrey
09:32:50 Vice Chair Ricci
09:32:57 Chair Noland
09:33:27 Rep. Olsen
09:34:21 Rep. Buttrey
09:34:46 Vice Chair Ricci
09:35:10 Rep. Krautter joined meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

09:35:18 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company
09:38:22 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:39:41 Vice Chair Ricci
09:40:03 Rep. Olsen
09:40:35 John Morrison, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

09:41:02 Rep. Vinton

Committee Business

09:41:42 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy

[EXHIBIT\(buh07a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh07a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh07a07\)](#)

09:43:52 Rep. Olsen
09:44:31 Vice Chair Ricci
09:44:37 Rep. Buttrey
09:45:18 Chair Noland
09:46:10 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy
09:47:35 Vice Chair Ricci
09:48:00 Rep. Loge
09:48:43 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division,(LSD)
09:51:12 Vice Chair Ricci
09:51:19 Rep. Olsen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:51:43

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh07aad.pdf](#))