

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 21, 2019 at 10:00 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. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Steve Gunderson (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:

HB 64 1/14/2019; HB 65 1/14/2019; HB 66 1/14/2019

10:01:05 Chair Noland

HEARING ON HB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:01:50 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 64, Revise life and health guaranty association laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:03:58 Bob Biskupiak, State Auditor's Office (CSI)
10:08:02 John Doran, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)
10:08:48 Jan Van Riper, Montana Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
10:11:35 Chair Noland
10:12:14 Bruce Spencer, Montana Health Coop (MHC)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:15:42 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:17:24 Rep. Vinton
10:17:59 Rep. Grubbs
10:18:09 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:18:49 Rep. Olsen
10:19:38 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:21:15 Rep. Olsen
10:21:37 Rep. Gunderson joined the meeting.
10:21:42 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:22:12 Rep. Olsen
10:22:27 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:22:37 Rep. Olsen
10:22:55 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:23:41 Rep. Olsen
10:23:55 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:24:08 Rep. Olsen
10:24:37 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans
10:25:39 Rep. Olsen
10:26:10 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans
10:26:29 Rep. Olsen
10:26:39 Rep. Curdy
10:26:49 Rep. Anderson left the meeting.
10:27:14 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:27:51 Rep. Curdy
10:28:19 Bruce Spencer, Montana Health Coop
10:31:55 Rep. Curdy
10:32:44 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source
10:32:58 Rep. Curdy
10:33:17 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source
10:33:40 Rep. Anderson rejoined the meeting.

10:34:36 Rep. Olsen
10:36:15 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:37:31 Rep. Olsen
10:37:54 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:38:13 Rep. Olsen
10:38:25 Rep. Krautter
10:38:56 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:39:25 Chair Noland
10:39:44 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
10:40:20 Rep. Buttrey
10:40:38 Chair Noland

Closing by Sponsor:

10:40:47 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68

HEARING ON HB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:42:41 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 65, Revise laws related to service of process with the insurance commissioner.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:46:29 Kris Hansen, State Auditor's Office, CSI

Opponents' Testimony:

10:49:09 Pat Fox, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Informational Testimony:

10:52:43 Bruce Spencer, Self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:53:35 Rep. Krautter
10:54:11 Kris Hansen, CSI
10:56:37 Rep. Loge
10:57:02 Pat Fox, MTLA
10:58:02 Rep. Curdy
10:58:33 Kris Hansen, CSI
10:58:36 Rep. Curdy
10:58:58 Kris Hansen
10:59:31 Rep. Buttrey left the meeting.
11:01:32 Rep. Olsen
11:04:12 Kris Hansen, CSI
11:04:46 Rep. Olsen
11:05:29 Kris Hansen, CSI
11:06:33 Rep. Sullivan
11:07:29 Bruce Spencer, Self
11:09:01 Rep. Krautter
11:09:31 Kris Hansen, CSI
11:09:54 Rep. Olsen
11:10:49 Pat Fox, MTLA

11:11:57 Rep. Olsen
11:12:39 Kris Hansen, CSI
11:13:00 Ramona Bodin, State Auditor's Office (CSI)
11:13:30 Rep. Olsen
11:13:49 Ramona Bodin, CSI
11:14:09 Rep. Olsen
11:14:16 Ramona Bodin, CSI

Closing by Sponsor:

11:14:45 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4

HEARING ON HB 66

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:16:07 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 66, Revise or repeal insurance laws relating to the State Auditor.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:17:34 Kendall Cotton, State Auditor's Office (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:20:14 Rep. Harvey
11:20:37 Kendall Cotton, CSI
11:21:06 Rep. Olsen
11:21:51 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:22:36 Rep. Vinton
11:22:55 Kendall Cotton, CSI

EXHIBIT(buh11a01)

11:23:08 Rep. Olsen
11:23:57 Kendall Cotton, CSI
11:24:32 Rep. Olsen
11:25:48 Kendall Cotton, CSI
11:26:16 Pat Murdo, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

11:27:35 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54

11:28:21 Rep. Olsen

EXHIBIT(buh11a02)

11:28:42 Pat Murdo, LSD
11:29:42 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:29:51

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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