

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on February 6, 2019 at 8:30 AM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. 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. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Clerk
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 345, 1/31/2019; SB 75, 1/31/2019

08:30:07 Chair Ricci
08:31:50 Rep. Duram joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:32:09 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 75, Revise laws related to the Board of Public Accountants.

08:33:20 Rep. Krautter joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:34:37 Dan Vuckovich, Montana State Board of Public Accounts (DLI)

08:36:57 Rep. Olsen joined the meeting.

08:42:10 Allen Lloyd, Montana Society of CPAs (MSCPA)

08:43:40 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(buh24a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:45:31 Rep. Curdy

08:46:31 Dan Vuckovich, DLI

08:49:03 Rep. Curdy

08:49:22 Judy Bovington, DLI

08:49:52 Rep. Curdy

08:50:18 Judy Bovington, DLI

08:50:23 Rep. Curdy

08:50:34 Judy Bovington, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

08:51:25 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 39

[EXHIBIT\(buh24a02\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:52:50 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 345, Provide a stepped increase in minimum wage to a living wage.

[EXHIBIT\(buh24a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:07:42 Darrell Holzer, Self

09:10:05 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

09:11:10 Morgan Smith, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

09:12:32 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

09:14:53 JoAnn Hanson, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

09:17:46 Ed Halland, Self
09:19:57 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA), Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)
09:23:39 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
09:27:40 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:30:20 Rep. Gunderson
09:30:47 Rep. Dunwell
09:31:26 Rep. Gunderson
09:31:56 Rep. Dunwell
09:32:14 Chair Ricci
09:32:20 Rep. Gunderson
09:32:53 Rep. Dunwell
09:34:30 Rep. Curdy
09:35:20 Judy Bovington, DLI
09:35:39 Rep. Krautter
09:36:03 Judy Bovington, DLI
09:36:30 Rep. Pope
09:37:06 Judy Bovington, DLI
09:37:34 Rep. Pope
09:38:18 Brad Griffin, MRA, MTRA
09:38:33 Rep. Pope
09:39:32 Brad Griffin, MRA, MTRA
09:40:39 Rep. Loge
09:41:17 Brad Griffin, MRA, MTRA
09:42:16 Rep. Olsen
09:45:13 Brad Griffin, MRA, MTRA
09:45:52 Rep. Olsen
09:46:30 Chair Ricci
09:46:36 Rep. Olsen
09:46:50 Brad Griffin, MRA, MTRA
09:47:41 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy
09:50:02 Judy Bovington, DLI
09:50:05 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy
09:50:42 Morgan Smith, MFPE
09:50:52 Chair Ricci
09:51:12 Rep. Dunwell
09:52:26 Chair Ricci
09:52:39 Rep. Dunwell
09:53:14 Chair Ricci
09:54:18 Cary Hegreberg, MCC
09:54:22 Chair Ricci
09:54:36 Cary Hegreberg, MCC
09:56:36 Rep. Duram
09:56:58 Darrell Holzer, Self
09:57:09 Rep. Duram

09:57:18 Darrell Holzer, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

09:57:28 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84

Committee Business:

10:02:53 Chair Ricci

10:03:18 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:03:47 Chair Ricci

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:04:05

Joanne Kauzlarich, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh24aad.pdf](#))