

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on April 4, 2019 at 8:30 AM, 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. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 218, 4/1/2019; SB 234, 4/1/2019  
Executive Action: SB 218, SB 234

08:34:19 Chair Noland

**HEARING ON SB 218**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:36:00 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 218, Exempt certain students from minimum wage and overtime compensation requirements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:38:02 Helen Thigpen, Montana University System (MUS)

**EXHIBIT(buh70a01)**

08:38:38 Rep. Funk joined the meeting.

08:45:22 Rep. Duram joined the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:46:34 Rep. Fitzgerald

08:47:06 Helen Thigpen, MUS

08:47:50 Rep. Fitzgerald

08:47:58 Helen Thigpen, MUS

08:48:16 Rep. Funk

08:49:02 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:50:16 Rep. Funk

08:50:22 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.

08:50:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:50:41 Rep. Funk

08:50:46 Helen Thigpen, MUS

08:51:09 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy

08:51:31 Helen Thigpen, MUS

08:52:22 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy

08:52:35 Helen Thigpen, MUS

08:52:52 Rep. Loge

08:53:10 Helen Thigpen, MUS

08:53:39 Rep. Vinton

08:54:18 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:54:41 Chair Noland

08:55:10 Helen Thigpen, MUS

08:56:03 Chair Noland

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:56:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 234****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:57:24 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 234, Allow department of administration to insure state under plans 1 or 2 or 3.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:58:36 Pat Noonan, Fair Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:00:27 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

09:01:25 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

09:02:56 Morgan Smith, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

09:03:39 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

**Informational Testimony:**

09:05:01 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:05:18 Rep. Harvey  
09:05:48 Pat Noonan, Fair Montana  
09:06:10 Rep. Pierson  
09:06:30 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:06:43 Rep. Pierson  
09:06:48 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:06:58 Vice Chair Ricci  
09:07:37 Pat Noonan, Fair Montana  
09:08:24 Vice Chair Ricci  
09:08:44 Pat Noonan, Fair Montana  
09:09:10 Rep. Duram  
09:09:47 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:11:03 Rep. Pope  
09:11:41 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:12:08 Rep. Pope  
09:13:10 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:13:46 Rep. Buttrey  
09:14:06 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:14:11 Rep. Buttrey  
09:14:26 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:14:50 Rep. Buttrey  
09:15:06 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:15:16 Rep. Funk  
09:15:41 Adam Haight, AFL-CIO  
09:16:18 Rep. Grubbs  
09:16:41 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:16:50 Rep. Buttrey  
09:17:13 Pat Noonan, Fair Montana  
09:17:41 Rep. Buttrey  
09:17:51 Pat Noonan, Fair Montana

09:18:31 Rep. Curdy  
09:19:25 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:20:16 Rep. Curdy  
09:20:27 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:21:03 Rep. Pope  
09:21:23 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:21:26 Rep. Pope  
09:21:47 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:22:04 Rep. Sullivan  
09:22:29 Kevin Braun, MSF

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:22:58 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Committee Business:**

09:23:36 Chair Noland  
  
09:24:00 Recessed  
10:08:01 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 218**

10:08:31 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 218 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:08:56 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy  
10:09:50 Chair Noland  
10:10:01 Rep. Loge  
  
10:10:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Funk and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Lynch will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 234**

10:12:20 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SB 234 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:12:38 Rep. Buttrey  
10:13:26 Rep. Pope  
10:14:11 Rep. Gunderson  
10:14:37 Rep. Grubbs  
10:15:22 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy  
10:17:42 Vice Chair Ricci  
10:18:33 Chair Noland  
  
10:20:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Buttrey will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:23:32

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh70aad.pdf](#))