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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 14, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (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 Services Division

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 27, 1/8/2019; SB 39, 1/8/2019

Executive Action: SB 1

09:02:26 Chairman Fitzpatrick turned the duties of the chair over to Vice Chair Brown.

09:03:18 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SB 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:34 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 39. Revise surplus lines insurance requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:05:46 Bob Biskupiak, deputy Insurance commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

09:09:23 Scott Tuxbury, vice president, Big Sky Underwriters (BSU), Missoula

09:11:37 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:12:22 Chair Brown

09:12:43 Mr. Tuxbury, BSU

09:13:15 Sen. Malek

09:17:04 Mr. Biskupiak, CSI

09:17:42 Sen. Ellsworth

09:20:04 Mr. Biskupiak

Closing by Sponsor:

09:20:14 Sen. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:20:42 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 27. Revise insurance laws relating to temporary waterproof coverings and exclusions.

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09:26:24 Chair Brown

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

09:26:41 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance

09:33:17 Bruce Spencer, Allstate Insurance

09:36:45 Jon Metropolous, Farmers Insurance Group (FI)

09:39:49 Chair Brown

09:39:56 Aimee Grmoljez, American Property Casualty and Insurance Corporation

09:40:54 Scott Tuxbury, Big Sky Underwriters (BSU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:44:08 Sen. Boland
09:45:34 Mr. Tuxbury, BSU
09:46:15 Sen. Malek
09:48:51 Mr. Tuxbury
09:49:53 Sen. Malek
09:49:58 Chair Brown
09:51:41 Mr. Tuxbury
09:52:05 Sen. Ellsworth
09:52:40 Mr. Metropolous, FI
09:52:59 Chair Brown
09:56:24 Sen. Fitzpatrick
09:57:01 Sen. Smith
09:58:02 Mr. VanHorssen
09:58:50 Sen. Ellsworth
10:02:21 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

10:03:47 Sen. Fitzpatrick

10:04:16 Chair Brown

10:04:35 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the duties of chairman.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 1

10:05:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 1 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:06:23 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:06:37 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division

10:07:00 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:07 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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