

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 15, 2019 at 8:00 AM, 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. 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:** Sen. Carlie Boland (D)

**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 54, 1/9/2019; SB 55, 1/9/2019

Executive Action: SB 39

08:02:41 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 55**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:02:54 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 55. Generally revise captive insurance laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:03:43 Bob Biskupiak, deputy insurance commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

08:07:10 John Huth, Montana Captive Insurance Association

08:07:47 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Captive Insurance Association (MCIA)

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

08:09:12 Joe DeFilippis, Secretary of State's office

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:09:59 Sen. Brown

08:10:26 Ms. Grmoljez, MCIA deferred

08:10:48 Steve Matthews, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

08:11:46 Sen. Malek

08:16:33 Mr. Matthews, CSI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:17:36 Sen. Solomon

**HEARING ON SB 54**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:21:06 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 54. Revise laws governing multiple employer welfare arrangements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:23:18 Bob Biskupiak, deputy insurance commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

08:26:12 Scott Reichner, Montana Auto Dealers Association

08:26:58 Liz Moore, executive director, Montana Nonprofit Association

08:28:02 Tracie Kenyon, president, Montana's Credit Unions

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:29:05 Sen. Brown  
08:30:50 Mr. Biskupiak, deferred  
08:30:59 Janell Williams, staff attorney, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:31:36 Sen. Thomas  
  
08:31:46 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
  
08:32:54 Brief Recess  
08:41:36 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 39**

08:41:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 39 DO PASS**. Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Boland and Sen. Malek voting no. Sen. Boland voted by proxy.  
  
08:42:50 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:42 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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