

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 16, 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. 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 75, 1/8/2019; SB 83, 1/8/2019

08:01:13 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 75**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:02:14 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 75. Revise laws related to the Board of Public Accountants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:04:32 Dan Vuckovich, certified public accountant, Great Falls, Board of Public Accountants (BSD)

**EXHIBIT(bus08a01)**

08:14:50 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**EXHIBIT(bus08a02)**

08:17:54 Allen Lloyd, executive director, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:19:27 Sen. Brown  
08:21:22 Mr. Lloyd, MSCPA  
08:22:29 Sen. Brown  
08:25:51 Mr. Vuckovich  
08:26:01 Sen. Ellsworth  
08:29:15 Ms. Bovington, DLI  
08:30:43 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
08:31:13 Ms. Bovington  
08:31:39 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
08:34:40 Mr. Vuckovich, BSD  
08:36:26 Sen. Boland  
08:39:10 Mr. Vuckovich  
08:39:53 Sen. Malek  
08:40:05 Mr. Vuckovich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:40:59 Sen. Vuckovich

08:41:10 Chairman Fitzpatrick

08:41:28 Chairman Fitzpatrick turned over the duties of the chair to Vice Chair Brown.

08:42:21 Chair Brown

**HEARING ON SB 83**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:42:31 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 83. Establishing allowable and prohibited practices for pharmacy benefit managers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:47:15 Stuart Doggett, executive director, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)  
 08:50:11 Becky Stillo, owner, Alpine Apothecary, Kalispell  
 08:52:01 Kendall Cotton, policy advisor, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)  
 08:53:00 Josh Morris, independent pharmacy owner

**EXHIBIT(bus08a03)**

08:57:35 Sen. Vance left the hearing.

08:57:47 E.J. Redding, Independent Pharmacy Cooperative

08:58:21 Stacey Anderson, policy director, Montana Primary Care Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:01:19 Laurence (Larry) Johnson, CVS Health  
 09:04:51 Michelle Mack, Express Scripts  
 09:08:24 Rachel Lee, Prime Therapeutics (PT)  
 09:16:22 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)  
 09:20:47 John Doran, vice president external affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:23:26 Sen. Malek  
 09:23:55 Mr. Slanger, AHIP deferred  
 09:24:37 Ms. Lee, PT  
 09:25:33 Sen. Malek  
 09:26:37 Mr. Doran, BCBSMT  
 09:27:52 Sen. Malek  
 09:27:59 Mr. Morris, self  
 09:28:30 Chair Brown  
 09:28:35 Sen. Malek  
 09:30:38 Mr. Morris deferred  
 09:31:19 Sen. Malek  
 09:31:23 Mr. Doggett, MPA  
 09:31:57 Sen. Gauthier  
 09:36:20 Mr. Morris  
 09:37:14 Chair Brown  
 09:37:29 Mr. Morris  
 09:37:33 Sen. Ellsworth  
 09:38:18 Mr. Cotton, CSI  
 09:39:08 Chair Brown  
 09:39:17 Mr. Cotton

09:39:21 Sen. Boland  
09:39:43 Mr. Cotton  
09:40:33 Sen. Smith  
09:42:29 Mr. Doran  
  
09:43:17 Sen. Malek left the hearing.  
  
09:43:29 Chair Brown  
09:43:47 Mr. Doran  
09:44:48 Chair Brown  
09:55:36 Ms. Lee

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:57:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
  
09:58:47 Chair Brown  
  
09:59:54 Sen. Fitzpatrick resumed the duties of the chair.

**Committee Business:**

09:59:59 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division  
10:00:55 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:01

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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**Additional Documents:**

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**EXHIBIT([bus08aad.pdf](#))**