

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on February 21, 2019 at 8:30 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 272, 2/19/2019; SB 279, 2/19/2019

Executive Action: HB 105, Be Concurred In; SB 183, Do Pass As Amended;
SB 270, Do Pass

08:30:20 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:31:27 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 279. Prohibit certain underwriting factors for private passenger insurance.

[EXHIBIT\(bus37a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:37:59 Katie Sutton, self

[EXHIBIT\(bus37a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:42:39 Bruce Spencer, Allstate Insurance Incorporated; Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance Group

Informational Testimony:

08:46:35 Bob Biskupiak, deputy insurance commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:47:33 Sen. Brown
08:47:49 Mr. Biskupiak, CSI
08:48:09 Sen. Boland
08:49:19 Mr. Biskupiak
08:49:45 Sen. Ellsworth
08:55:30 Sen. Jacobson
08:57:13 Sen. Ellsworth
08:58:55 Mr. Biskupiak
08:59:01 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:01:25 Sen. Jacobson
09:02:03 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:05:00 Mr. Biskupiak
09:05:27 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:05:45 Sen. Jacobson
09:05:54 Sen. Malek
09:06:04 Sen. Jacobson
09:07:12 Sen. Gauthier
09:08:41 Sen. Jacobson

Closing by Sponsor:

09:09:23 Sen. Jacobson

09:10:58 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:11:14 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 272. Revise zone pay and dispatch cities for prevailing wages.

EXHIBIT(bus37a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:19:12 Jason Rittal, deputy director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(bus37a04)

09:26:30 Ron Devlin, Dawson County

09:27:15 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive

EXHIBIT(bus37a05)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:32:14 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers Local #400 (IUOE)

09:33:46 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters; Teamsters Union Local #2

09:35:35 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

09:37:00 Kim Rickard, Laborers International Union of North America, Laborers Local #1686 (LIUNA)

09:38:41 Darrell Holzer, Montana State Building and Construction Trades (MSBCT)

09:41:05 Alec Ekblad, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations

09:44:14 Rosalee Ybarra, International Union of Operating Engineers Local #400

09:44:48 Austin Much, International Union of Operating Engineers Local #400

09:45:13 John Fredrick Leathers, International Union of Operating Engineers Local #400

09:47:23 Mallory Wood, International Union of Operating Engineers Local #400

Informational Testimony:

09:47:59 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:49:48 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:52:10 Mr. Strauss, DLI

09:52:27 Sen. Brown

09:53:39 Mr. Strauss

09:53:55 Sen. Brown

09:54:08 Mr. Johnson, IUOE

09:55:11 Sen. Ellsworth

09:55:45 Mr. Strauss

09:55:54 Sen. Small

09:58:12 Ms. Rickard, LIUNA

09:58:37 Sen. Small

09:59:44 Mr. Johnson

10:00:05 Sen. Vuckovich

10:02:54 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:02:57 Sen. Ellsworth

10:04:57 Mr. Strauss

10:05:16 Sen. Ellsworth

10:05:27 Chairman Fitzpatrick
 10:05:34 Mr. Strauss
 10:06:26 Sen. Boland
 10:08:45 Ms. Rickard
 10:08:50 Sen. Gauthier
 10:10:21 Mr. Strauss
 10:10:38 Sen. Malek
 10:11:39 Mr. Thompson, MCA
 10:12:30 Sen. Malek
 10:15:09 Mr. Holzer, MSBCT
 10:15:49 Sen. Boland
 10:16:20 Mr. Strauss
 10:17:26 Sen. Smith
 10:17:30 Mr. Strauss

Closing by Sponsor:

10:18:47 Sen. Hinebauch

 10:23:58 Chairman Fitzpatrick

 10:25:06 Recess
 10:39:11 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 105

10:39:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 105 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 183

10:39:47 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 183 DO PASS**.
 10:40:07 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 183 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(bus37a06\)](#)

Discussion:

10:40:25 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 10:42:05 Sen. Boland
 10:42:51 Sen. Brown
 10:43:12 Mr. Walker, LSD

10:43:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:44:01 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 183 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

10:44:13 Sen. Malek
 10:45:40 Sen. Brown
 10:46:35 Mr. Walker
 10:47:16 Sen. Malek

10:47:30 Sen. Brown
10:47:48 Sen. Vance
10:47:57 Sen. Small

10:48:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Vuckovich voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 270

10:49:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 270 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Business:

10:50:35 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:50:50 Mr. Walker
10:51:23 Sen. Malek
10:51:28 Mr. Walker
10:51:35 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:53 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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EXHIBIT([bus37aad.pdf](#))