

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on March 13, 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 D. Small (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jacelyn Stewart, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**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: HB 323, 2/28/2019; HB 382, 2/28/2019; HB 450, 2/28/2019

Executive Action: SB 210 - Be Tabled  
SR 32 - Be Adopted  
HB 373 - Be Concurred In  
HB 370 - Be Concurred In  
SB 125 - Do Pass as Amended

**HEARING ON HB 382**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:32:22 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 382, Revise requirements for automobile traffic safety insurance discounts.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:34:32 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:36:46 Chair Fitzpatrick

08:38:38 Mr. Van Horssen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:39:36 Rep. Caferro

**HEARING ON HB 323**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:41:29 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 323, Provide for free association for non-union public employees.

**EXHIBIT(bus51a01)**

08:44:06 Sen. Brown entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:44:45 Eric Feaver, president, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

08:46:26 Adam Haight, Montana AFL-CIO

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:46:50 Tyler Campbell, Governor's Office

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:48:49 Sen. Brown

08:49:18 Chair Fitzpatrick

08:53:54 Mr. Feaver, MFPE

08:54:20 Sen. Boland

08:56:12 Mr. Feaver

08:57:16 Chair Fitzpatrick

08:58:10 Mr. Feaver

08:58:20 Sen. Boland

08:58:50 Mr. Feaver

08:59:54 Sen. Boland

09:00:50 Rep. Tschida

09:01:48 Sen. Malek  
09:02:37 Mr. Feaver  
09:03:44 Sen. Malek  
09:05:42 Rep. Tschida  
09:06:01 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:06:43 Rep. Tschida

**HEARING ON HB 450**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:08:00 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 450, Generally revise motor vehicle laws and dealer license requirements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:11:01 Owen Kelley, director, Montana Independent Automobile Dealers Association (MTIADA)

**EXHIBIT(bus51a02)**

09:23:17 Bruce Knudsen, executive vice president, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:23:52 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association

**Informational Testimony:**

09:25:53 Sarah Garcia, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:26:11 Sen. Brown  
09:28:22 Rep. Tschida  
09:28:41 Sen. Vance  
09:29:02 Ms. Garcia, DOJ  
09:29:35 Sen. Vance  
09:29:52 Mr. Haralson  
09:30:47 Sen. Brown  
09:31:24 Mr. Kelley, MTIADA  
09:31:52 Sen. Boland  
09:32:32 Chair Fitzpatrick  
09:32:40 Sen. Brown  
09:32:49 Ms. Garcia  
09:33:15 Sen. Brown  
09:33:38 Sen. Malek  
09:34:42 Mr. Kelley  
09:35:40 Sen. Vance  
09:37:19 Ms. Garcia  
09:37:23 Sen. Brown  
09:37:56 Mr. Kelley  
09:38:25 Sen. Smith

09:39:08 Ms. Garcia

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:39:20 Rep. Tschida

09:40:17 Chair Fitzpatrick

09:42:18 Recess

09:57:22 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 210**

09:57:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 210 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(bus51a03\)](#)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 32**

09:58:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 32 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 370**

09:58:48 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 370 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

09:59:33 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:00:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 373**

10:00:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 373 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy. Sen. Ellsworth will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 125**

10:01:37 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 125 DO PASS**.

10:01:53 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 125 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(bus51a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:05:22 Sen. Boland

10:05:26 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:06:00 Sen. Brown

10:06:19 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:06:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

10:06:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 125 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT**(bus51a05)

10:08:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 125 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Gauthier voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:09 AM

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Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus51aad.pdf](#))**