

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on March 15, 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: 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: SR 38, 3/8/2019; HB 214, 3/11/2019; HB 562, 3/11/2019

Executive Action: HB 562 - Be Tabled

HEARING ON HB 562

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:32:03 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 562, Revising motor vehicle insurance liability policy coverage requirements.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:33:40 Rep. Grubb

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 562

08:33:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 562 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:34:08 Chair Fitzpatrick turned the position and duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Brown.

HEARING ON SR 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:34:22 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 38, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board provided for in 2-15-1745.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:35:36 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:36:04 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

08:36:19 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:36:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick resumed the position and duties of the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:36:56 Rep. Vince Ricci (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 214, Revise laws relating to the State Fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:40:19 Bob Biskupiak, deputy insurance commissioner, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor
 08:45:09 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
 08:45:21 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
 08:45:39 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana
 08:45:55 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:47:26 Tim Bottenfield, state chief information officer, Department of Administration (DOA)
 08:50:22 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
 08:51:26 Quint Nyman, deputy executive director, Montana Federation of Public Employees
 08:52:00 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters; American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees; Teamsters Local #2
 08:52:42 Al Smith, Montana Trail Lawyers Association

Informational Testimony:

08:53:47 Matt Pugh, deputy administrator, State Financial Services Division, Department of Administration
 08:54:07 Meghan Holmlund, chief procurement officer, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:54:23 Sen. Brown
 08:55:01 Mr. Haight, AFL-CIO
 08:55:15 Sen. Brown
 08:55:26 Stacy Ripple, IT operations director, Montana State Fund (MSF)
 08:57:18 Sen. Brown
 09:04:06 Mr. Bottenfield, DOA
 09:06:19 Sen. Brown
 09:06:29 Marilyn Bartlett, special projects coordinator, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)
 09:06:43 Sen. Brown
 09:07:01 Ms. Bartlett, CSI
 09:09:22 Sen. Ellsworth
 09:12:22 Ms. Bartlett
 09:12:46 Chair Fitzpatrick
 09:14:37 Mr. Braun, MSF
 09:14:48 Sen. Malek
 09:16:11 Ms. Ripple, MSF
 09:16:47 Sen. Malek
 09:21:46 Mr. Bottenfield

09:22:00 Sen. Malek
09:24:16 Mr. Braun
09:25:05 Sen. Gauthier
09:26:12 Mr. Braun
09:26:15 Sen. Gauthier
09:26:49 Mr. Bottenfield
09:28:58 Sen. Brown
09:31:59 Mr. Bottenfield
09:32:04 Sen. Boland
09:33:10 Mr. Braun

Closing by Sponsor:

09:33:50 Rep. Ricci

09:35:44 Jamison Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:36:12 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:36:18 Mr. Walker, LSD
09:36:46 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:37:27 Sen. Malek
09:37:32 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:38 AM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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