

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on February 11, 2021 at 08:30 AM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch
Cara Grewell, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 201, 2/1/2021; HB 297, 2/4/2021

HEARING ON HB 297**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:32:22 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 297, Revise laws related to nursing and health care workers.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:38:04 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

08:39:13 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

08:41:17 Vicky Byrd, Montanan Nurses Association (MNA)

EXHIBIT(buh29a01)

08:46:41 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

08:49:56 Stacy Tempel St. John, self

EXHIBIT(buh29a02)**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:58:52 Aimee Grmoljez, American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCI)

EXHIBIT(buh29a03)

09:03:24 Peter Strauss, Montana Self Insurers' Association (MSIA)

EXHIBIT(buh29a04)

09:09:45 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:11:14 Rep. Gunderson

09:12:16 Rep. Caferro

09:12:32 Rep. Gist

09:13:42 Rep. Harvey

09:13:57 Rep. Gist

09:14:12 Rep. Caferro

09:14:23 Chair Noland

09:14:31 Rep. Caferro

09:15:51 Rep. Olsen

09:16:48 Vicky Byrd, MNA

09:17:24 Rep. Olsen

09:18:23 Stacy Tempel St. John, self

09:19:47 Rep. Duram

09:24:21 Rep. Caferro

09:25:05 Rep. Zolnikov

09:26:00 Peter Strauss, MSIA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:27:35 Rep. Caferro

09:31:53 Recess
09:50:32 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 201

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:50:57 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 201, Revise prevailing wage district laws and dispatch city designations.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:01:00 Commissioner Jason Strouf, Custer County
10:07:17 Rep. Ler
10:07:59 Commissioner Shane Gorder, Richland County

EXHIBIT(buh29a05)

10:12:35 Jeff Hintz, City of Sidney Public Works
10:14:09 Mayor Rick Norby, Sidney Montana
10:15:23 Tom Halvorson, Richland County Attorney
10:22:00 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(buh29a06)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:28:51 Al Ekblad, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
10:33:00 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
10:35:45 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council; International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 82
10:37:39 Mick Wonnacott, Laborers' Local 1686
10:39:40 Mario Martinez, Carpenters Local 82
10:43:41 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 400 (IUOE)

EXHIBIT(buh29a07)

10:46:34 Josh Cox, Smart Local 103
10:47:58 Hayden Lohr, self

EXHIBIT(buh29a08)

10:49:14 Jack McBroom, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 233 (IBEW)
10:50:21 Mark Carpenter, self
10:51:02 Luke Hoffer, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 233 (IBEW)
10:51:22 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 42 (IBEW)
10:53:02 Mike Newton, Fisher Sand and Gravel Company

Informational Testimony:

10:52:35 Eric Strauss, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:56:17 Rep. Marshall
10:57:01 Jeff Hintz, City of Sidney Public Works
10:57:26 Rep. Marshall
10:57:49 Jeff Hintz, City of Sidney Public Works

10:59:04 Rep. Loge
10:59:31 Mayor Rick Norby, Sidney Montana
10:59:59 Rep. Loge
11:00:49 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council;
Teamsters Local 82
11:01:16 Rep. Marshall
11:01:48 Mario Martinez, Carpenters Local 82
11:02:18 Rep. Galloway
11:03:52 Mike Newton, Fisher Sand and Gravel Company
11:04:07 Rep. Harvey
11:05:25 Al Ekblad, AFL-CIO
11:06:06 Rep. Gist
11:06:44 Rep. Holmlund
11:08:00 Rep. Galloway
11:08:37 Rep. Holmlund
11:09:00 Eric Strauss, DLI
11:09:56 Rep. Galloway
11:10:07 Eric Strauss, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

11:10:25 Rep. Holmlund

11:14:37 Chair Noland
11:15:03 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:17:48

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh29aad.pdf](#))