

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Tom Berry, on March 17, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, 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: SB 288, 3/11/2015; SB 289, 3/11/2015; SB 377, 3/11/2015

00:00:01 Vice Chair Salomon called the meeting to order in Chairman Berry's absence.

**HEARING ON SB 377**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:26 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 377, Revise definition of prepaid legal insurance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:54 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:11:37 Rep. Berry arrived.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:13:19 Nick Mazanec, Attorney, State Auditors Office (SAO)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:59 Rep. Olsen

00:14:54 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:16:41 Rep. Olsen

00:17:33 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:18:25 Chairman Salomon

00:18:40 Sen. Connell

00:19:43 Rep. Clark

00:20:02 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:20:59 Rep. Clark

00:21:08 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:22:23 Rep. Clark

00:22:48 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

00:24:11 Rep. Olsen

00:24:38 Jacqueline Lenmark, LegalZoom.com, Inc.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:25 Sen. Connell

00:28:32 Chairman Berry resumed the chairmanship.

**HEARING ON SB 288**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:25 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 288, Medical recovery of work comp payment from at-fault parties.

**[EXHIBIT\(buh55a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:33:21 Bob Worthington, Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA)  
00:35:36 Mike Waldenberg, Central Plumbing and Heating, Great Falls and Bozeman;  
Montana Contractors Association (MCA)  
00:40:01 Oliver Goe, Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry and Hoven for Montana Self Insurers  
Association (MSIA)  
00:45:51 Ron Bartsch, Building Contractor, Helena  
00:52:00 Ron Pike, Sime Construction, Bozeman  
00:54:18 John Alke, Northwestern Energy  
00:57:34 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF), Montana  
Contractors Association (MCA)  
00:59:00 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCA)  
01:00:06 Dustin Stewart, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association  
(MBIA)  
01:01:32 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:02:35 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh55a02\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:14:39 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:14:53 Rep. Clark  
01:15:36 Al Smith, MTLA  
01:16:10 Rep. Clark  
01:16:54 Al Smith, MTLA  
01:17:23 Rep. Clark  
01:17:33 Oliver Goe, MSIA  
01:19:12 Rep. Hunter  
01:19:51 Al Smith, MTLA  
01:20:38 Rep. Hunter  
01:21:48 Kevin Braun, MSF  
01:22:47 Rep. Ricci  
01:23:16 Kevin Braun, MSF  
01:23:40 Rep. Pope  
01:24:53 Kevin Braun, MSF  
01:25:05 Rep. Pope  
01:25:31 Kevin Braun, MSF  
01:25:38 Rep. Pope  
01:25:53 Kevin Braun, MSF  
01:26:09 Rep. Olsen  
01:27:41 Kevin Braun, MSF  
01:28:10 Rep. Olsen  
01:28:26 Kevin Braun, MSF

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:29:02 Sen. Tutvedt

01:31:17 Chairman Berry  
01:31:32 Recessed.  
01:44:49 Reconvened.

### HEARING ON SB 289

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:56 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 289, Revise campaign finance laws.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:44 Andrew Huff, Chief Legal Counsel, Governor's Office (GO)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh55a03\)](#)  
02:02:18 Sandy Welch, Self  
02:13:00 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh55a04\)](#)  
02:20:04 Margaret Grayson, Missoula, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)  
02:20:30 Rep. Staffanson arrived.  
02:21:27 Denise Roth Barber, Managing Director, National Institute on Money in State Politics, FollowtheMoney.org  
02:26:09 Mark Mackin, Helena, Self  
02:28:53 Sue Hoell, Montana League of Women Voters  
02:29:38 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)  
02:30:27 C. B. Pearson, Common Cause of Montana  
02:31:03 Nancy Leifer, Missoula, Self

#### Opponents' Testimony:

02:31:37 Chuck Denowh, Internet Coalition  
[EXHIBIT\(buh55a05\)](#)  
02:34:35 Brent Mead, Executive Director, Montana Policy Institute  
02:42:13 Vice Chair Salomon took the gavel.  
02:42:15 Chairmen Berry left the meeting.  
02:42:21 Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party  
02:44:12 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)  
02:45:36 Rep. Berry returned and resumed as chair.  
02:53:48 Chris Gallus, Attorney, Helena

#### Informational Testimony:

03:10:45 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commission on Political Practices

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:12:37 Rep. Clark  
03:13:22 Sandy Welch, Self  
03:14:38 Rep. Clark  
03:14:57 Sandy Welch, Self  
03:16:20 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
03:17:19 Andrew Huff, GO

03:18:22 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
03:19:12 Andrew Huff, GO  
03:20:35 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
03:21:30 Andrew Huff, GO  
03:21:59 Rep. Welborn  
03:23:10 Jonathan Motl, COPP  
03:23:58 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
03:24:51 Andrew Huff, GO  
03:26:09 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
03:26:35 Andrew Huff, GO  
03:27:54 Rep. Lang  
03:28:17 Jonathan Motl, COPP  
03:28:46 Jeff Laszloffy, MFF  
03:30:27 Rep. Pope  
03:31:43 Jonathan Motl, COPP  
03:32:28 Rep. Ricci  
03:33:25 Jonathan Motl, COPP  
03:34:15 Rep. Ricci  
03:34:50 Andrew Huff, GO  
03:35:58 Rep. Ricci  
03:36:15 Andrew Huff, GO  
03:36:57 Rep. Pierson  
03:37:21 Jeff Laszloffy, MFF  
03:37:44 Rep. Pierson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:39:33 Sen. Ankney  
  
03:43:59 Chairman Berry

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:44:30

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([buh55aad.pdf](#))**