

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on January 20, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jim Keane, Chairman (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

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 156, 1/13/2005; HB 248,
1/13/2005; HB 96, 1/13/2005; HB 71,
1/13/2005; HB 237, 1/13/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. TERESA HENRY (D), HD 96,
opened the hearing on **HB 156**, Revise disability insurance for
reciprocity.

00:02:59

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:01 Alicia Pichette, State Auditor's Office

EXHIBIT (buh15a01)

00:09:00 Bob Olson, Montana Health Association

00:12:56 Kay Wagner, Saint Vincent Health Care

00:16:21 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

EXHIBIT (buh15a02)

00:21:35 Beda Lovitt, Montana Psychiatric Association

00:22:25 Mary McCue, Montana Dental Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:00 Angela Huschka, New West Health Services

EXHIBIT (buh15a03)

00:27:40 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:34:33 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:28

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:59

HEARING ON HB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. TOM MCGILLVRAY (R), HD 50,
opened the hearing on **HB 248**, Extend exemption for steam heating
boilers.

00:59:12

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:01:37 Jim Brown, Department of Labor and Industry

EXHIBIT (buh15a04)

01:11:56 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

01:13:37 Paul Brennan, National Board of Inspectors

EXHIBIT (buh15a05)

01:20:02 Jeff Tobin, Saint Paul Travelers

01:23:22 Dennis Cornelius, Hartford Insurance

01:23:53 Blair Ricks, Self

01:24:02 Ed Kelly, Inspector

01:24:14 Jack Campbell, Jack's Technical Assistance

01:24:26 Earl Salley, Inspector

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:50

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:58

HEARING ON HB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 96, Sunset and review of administrative rules.

01:43:57

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:52:14 David Ewer, Governor's Budget Director

Informational Testimony:

01:59:48 Michael O'Brien, Secretary of State

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:55

Closing by Sponsor:

02:40:46

HEARING ON HB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BOB LAKE (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 71, Revise license fees on mortgage brokers and loan originators.

02:52:50

EXHIBIT (buh15a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:56:43 Christy Blazer, Montana Association of Mortgage
Brokers

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

03:03:56 Chris Olson, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:04:15

Closing by Sponsor:

03:08:54

HEARING ON HB 237

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CAROL JUNEAU (D), HD 16,
opened the hearing on **HB 237**, Unemployment for non-certified
school employees during closures.

03:12:25

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a100\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:19:10 SEN. DAN HARRINGTON, SD 38, BUTTE

03:23:18 Steve Bullock, MEA-MFT

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a111\)](#)

03:30:56 Jerry Driscoll, AFL-CIO

03:33:25 Tom Snyder, Montana Public Employees Association

03:34:08 Gene Fenderson, District Council of Labor

03:34:48 REP. NORMA BIXBY, HD 41, LAME DEER

03:35:31 Stanley Juneau, Retired School Superintendent

03:36:17 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

Opponents' Testimony:

03:37:06 Linda Brannon, Association of School Business
Officials

[EXHIBIT \(buh15a122\)](#)

03:44:56 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayer's Association

03:46:45 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business

03:47:22 Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

03:47:58 Kevin Braun, Department of Labor and Industry

03:48:58 Shawn Budd, Montana School Board Insurance

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:49:34

EXHIBIT (buh15a133)

Closing by Sponsor:

04:12:50

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh15aad0.PDF](#))