

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM KEANE**, on January 28, 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: HB41, 1/20/2005; HB 315, 1/20/2005;
HB 400, 1/20/2005; HB 412,
1/20/2005

HEARING ON HB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BILL WILSON (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 41,
Regulate use of credit histories and scores by insurers.

00:03:32

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:58 John Morrison, Montana State Auditor

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a03\)](#)

00:20:44 Dennis Lusin, Financial Consultant

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a04\)](#)

00:28:37 Stephani Page, Self

00:30:21 Janice Ward, Self

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a05\)](#)

00:33:26 Alex Ward, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a06\)](#)

00:36:58 Betty Beverly, Montana Senior Citizens Association

00:39:30 Roger McGlenn, Independent Insurance Agents of
Montana

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a07\)](#)

00:40:05 Matt Leow, Montana Public Interest Group

00:40:42 John Willoughby, Insurance Agent

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:05 Tom Daniel, Insurance Agent from Butte

00:44:56 Jonathan Klein, Progressive Auto Insurance

00:50:15 Greg Van Horrsen, State Farm Insurance Company

00:56:00 Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers of
America

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a08\)](#)

00:58:25 Frank Cote, Farmers Union Insurance Company

00:59:31 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Council of Life
Insurance

01:04:34 Joseph Tornberg, American International Group

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a09\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:20

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:48

HEARING ON HB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on **HB 315**, Allow sample rooms in medium-sized breweries.

02:12:07

Proponents' Testimony:

02:14:17 Brian Smith, Owner of small brewery in Helena
02:22:40 Tim O'Leary, Kettle House Brewing Company
02:26:29 John Almas, Self
02:26:58 Sam Hoffmann, Brewer from Red Lodge
02:30:08 Tim Bozik, Bitterroot Brewery in Hamilton
02:30:32 Max Pigman, Lewis & Clark Brewing Company
02:30:53 George Ochenski, Self
02:31:17 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE, SD 44, VICTOR**
02:31:50 John Tubbs, Self

EXHIBIT (buh22a10)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:32:10 Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association
02:35:30 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Association
02:38:49 Ralph Ferraro, Bar Owner Bozeman
02:39:06 Rich Miller, Miller's Crossing
02:39:42 Thad Stinson, Bar Owner Belt Montana
02:40:34 Bob Fletcher, Bar Owner in Bozeman
02:40:58 Mike Clasey, Howard's Pizza in Helena
02:43:47 Jackie LaFever, Yellowstone

Informational Testimony:

02:44:12 Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:45:23

Closing by Sponsor:

03:02:51

HEARING ON HB 400

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 400, Increase minimum weekly unemployment benefit.

03:09:45

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a11\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:15:27 Jerry Driscoll, Montana AFL-CIO

03:16:51 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

03:18:27 Roy Mulvaney, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:19:03

Closing by Sponsor:

03:23:52

HEARING ON HB 412

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DEE BROWN (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 412, Revise RV lemon laws.

03:23:58

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

03:30:00 J.D. Lynch, Recreational Vehicle Dealers of America

03:33:23 Mark Rispins, D & D RV Center

03:35:36 Stewart Doggett, RV Manufacturers Association

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a12\)](#)

03:38:04 Bruce Aafedt, Great Falls

Informational Testimony:

03:41:35 Cort Jensen, Consumer Protection Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:44:24

Closing by Sponsor:

03:49:10

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 A.M.

REP. JIM KEANE, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh22aad0.PDF](#))