

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 18, 2005 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, 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 163, 1/14/2005; SB 165,
1/14/2005; SB 176, 1/14/2005

Executive Action:

00:00:02

HEARING ON SB 163

00:00:48

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JEFF MANGAN (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 163, Prohibit insurance discrimination on basis of public office holding.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus13a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus13a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus13a03)

00:04:26

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Peggy Beltrone, Chairman, Cascade County Commission

Mr. Harold Blattie, Assistant Director, Montana Association of Counties

00:08:32

Opponents' Testimony:

Mr. Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Association of America

Mr. Roger McGlenn, Executive Director, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana

00:15:07 SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, SD 48, MISSOULA entered

Ms. Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association, American Association of Life Insurers

00:17:23 SEN. DUANE GRIMES, SD 39, CLANCY entered

Informational Testimony: None

00:18:19

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:42 SEN. GLENN ROUSH, SD 8, CUT BANK entered

00:51:55

Closing by Sponsor:

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus13a04)

00:57:20

HEARING ON SB 165

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JEFF MANGAN (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 165, Revise deferred deposit law as to rescission and arbitration.

01:02:06

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Bernie Harrington, President, Montana Financial Service Center's Association

Mr. Riley Johnson, Community Financial Services Association of America

Mr. Mark Staples, Community Loans of America

Opponents' Testimony: None

01:09:00

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Chris Olson, Department of Administration

01:10:08

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:58

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:11

HEARING ON SB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BRENT CROMLEY (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 176, Structural separation for utility and certain affiliates.

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a06\)](#)

01:26:00

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Pat Harmon, Midwest Heating and Cooling

Mr. Jim Ryan, Sheet Metal Workers Union

Ms. Cindy Donaldson, Butte Tin Shop, Sheet Metal Air Conditioning National Association

Mr. Rex Kleinsasser, Air Controls Bozeman

Mr. Dennis Morgan, Heating, Air Conditioning, and Sheet Metal Residential Business Owner

Mr. Carl Schweitzer, Associated Plumbing and Heating Contractors of Montana, Associated Subcontractors of Montana, Sheet Metal Air Conditioning National Association

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a07\)](#)

Mr. Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

[EXHIBIT \(bus13a08\)](#)

01:52:35

Opponents' Testimony:

Mr. John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company

EXHIBIT(bus13a09)

Mr. Dan Flynn, State Conference Electrical Workers

Mr. Ron Devlon, Representing Self

02:03:43 SEN. BILL TASH, SD 36, DILLON entered

Mr. Keith Allen, Montana Board of Electrical Workers

Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Ms. Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None

02:13:43

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:43:30

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:50 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

VC/ag

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus13aad0.PDF](#))