

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 1, 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 286, 1/27/2005; SB 299,
1/27/2005; SB 238, 1/27/2005; SB
239, 1/27/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 286

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 286, Revise construction payment laws.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a01)

00:01:34

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Carl Schweitzer, Subcontractors Association of Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a02)

Mr. Gary Forrester, Montana Contractors Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a03)

Ms. Margaret Morgan, Treasures State Independent Electrical Contractors

Ms. Katherine Smith, Chief Financial Officer, Dick Anderson Construction

Mr. Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Opponents' Testimony: None.

00:20:29

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Russ Katherman, Architecture and Engineering, Department of Administration

00:20:46

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor: None.

00:23:39

HEARING ON SB 299

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KEN TOOLE (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 299, Revise contracting for state services.

00:29:05

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Terry Minow, MEA-MFT

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a04)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a05)

Mr. Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

Mr. Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:40:24

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:30

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:40 Break

01:00:07 Resume

01:00:28

DUAL HEARING ON SB 238 AND SB 239

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. MIKE WHEAT (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on **SB 238**, Create insurance consumer protection fund.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a06)

01:04:23

SEN. MIKE WHEAT (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on **SB 239**, Securities investor education fund.

01:06:34

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Alicia Pichette, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, State Auditor's Office

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a07)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a08)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a09)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a10)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a11)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a12)

Ms. Karen Powell, Deputy Securities Commissioner, State Auditor's Office

Ms. Juanita Pereman, Self

Mr. Patrick Melby, Montana Medical Association

Ms. Betty Beverly, Executive Director, Montana Senior Citizens Association

Mr. Ward Shanahan, Investment Company Institute

Mr. Del Lonnquist, American Association of Retired People

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a13)

Mr. John Tarr, Director of Security, Montana Lottery

Ms. Kathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers

Association, Montana County Attorneys Association

Mr. Bill Dove, Montana Police Protective Association, Chief of Detectives, Bozeman Police Department

01:45:23

Opponents' Testimony:

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

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus25a14)

Mr. Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Mr. Larry Kibbee, Property Casualty Insurers of America

Informational Testimony: None.

02:00:56

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:26:33

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

VC/ag

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus25aad0.PDF](#))