

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 3, 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. Jon Tester (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

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 326, 1/31/2005; SB 329,
1/31/2005; SB 325, 1/31/2005; SB
338, 1/31/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 326

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 326,
Revise law on excavation near underground utility facility.

[EXHIBIT](#) (bus27a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:39 Mr. Bud Criner, Montana Utility Coordinating
Council

00:11:20 Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

[EXHIBIT](#) (bus27a02)

[EXHIBIT](#) (bus27a03)

00:21:19 Mr. Mike Strand, Montana Independent
Telecommunications Systems

00:24:02 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:26:10 Mr. Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications
Association

00:27:47 Mr. Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers Communications

00:29:16 Mr. Rick Hays, Quest

00:30:41 Mr. Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers Local 44

00:31:53 Mr. Tom Glendenning, Montana Cable Operators

00:33:30 SEN. JOSEPH TROPILA, SD 13, GREAT FALLS

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:02 Mr. Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives

Informational Testimony: None.

00:37:49

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

[EXHIBIT](#) (bus27a04)

01:18:00

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:23 _____

HEARING ON SB 329

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JON TESTER (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 329,
Clarifying state's role in "Made in Montana" program.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:24:08 Mr. Evan Barrett, Chief Business Officer, Office
of the Governor
01:26:38 Mr. Tony Preite, Director, Montana Department of
Commerce
01:28:42 Mr. Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:29:51 Mr. Charles Brooks, Montana Retail Association
01:31:31 Mr. Brian Smith, Small Business Owner

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

01:32:22

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:26

HEARING ON SB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 325,
Revise material beer wholesalers may provide to retailers.

[EXHIBIT](#) (bus27a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:30 Ms. Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine
Wholesalers Association

[EXHIBIT](#) (bus27a06)

01:36:48 Mr. Trevor McDonnell, Budweiser Distributer
01:37:39 Mr. Mark Johnston, Budweiser Distributer
01:38:32 Mr. Scott Thompson, Thompson Distributing
01:40:01 Mr. Mark Taylor, Anheuser-Busch

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:33 Mr. Brian Smith, Montana State Brewers Association

Informational Testimony:

01:44:12 Mr. Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

01:44:39

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:20

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:36

HEARING ON SB 338

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 338, Prohibit professional board discrimination among licensees.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus27a07)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus27a08)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus27a09)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:58:07 Mr. Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers

02:00:42 Mr. Carl Schweitzer, Montana Plumbing and Heating
Contractors

Informational Testimony:

02:01:32 Mr. Kevin Braun, Department of Labor and Industry

02:03:00

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:20

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

VC/ag

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus27aad0.PDF](#))