

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on February 10, 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 265, 2/7/2005; SB 327, 2/7/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 265

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 265, Revise electrician laws.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:26 Mr. Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a04)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a05)

00:22:14 Mr. Jack Fisher, Assistant Business Agent, Local
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00:23:22 Mr. Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen Association

00:25:01 Mr. Bill Bently, National Electrical Contractors
Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:47 Mr. Rick Hutchinson, Hutchinson Electric

00:33:48 Mr. Joe Wolf, Corr Electric, Electric Licensing
Board Member

00:34:37 Mr. Mark Kredit, Kredit Electric

00:35:37 Mr. Byron Roberts, Montana Building Industry
Association

00:38:33 Mr. Mike Wilhelm, Mike Wilhelm Electric

00:41:59 Mr. Neil Poulsen, Building Official, City of
Bozeman

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a06)

00:45:12 Mr. Bill Brandon, Pegasus Electric

00:50:59 Ms. Margaret Morgan, Treasure State Independent
Electrical Contractors

Informational Testimony:

00:58:07 **Mr. Jim Brown, Administrator, Business Standards
Division, Department of Labor and Industry**

00:59:36

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

**Ms. Jill Caldwell, Bureau Chief, Business and Occupational
Licensing**

**Mr. Kevin Braun, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and
Industry**

01:45:32

Closing by Sponsor:

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a07)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a08)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a09)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a10)

01:51:35 Break.

01:59:15 Resume.

01:59:17

HEARING ON SB 327

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

**SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 327, Bail
bond reform.**

Proponents' Testimony:

02:00:56 **Mr. Scott Restvedt, Vice President, Montana
Bailbondsmen Association**

02:10:01 **Mr. Kelly Reisback, Montana Bailbondsmen
Association**

02:11:30 **Mr. Earl Rowe, Missoula Bondsmen**

02:11:50 **Mr. Paul Jaro, Great Falls Bondsmen**

02:12:02 **Mr. Dave Crow, Belgrade Bondsmen**

02:12:23 **Mr. Rich Maciel, Billings Bondsmen**

02:12:42 **Mr. Billy Revell, Liberty Bailbonds, Billings**

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a11)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:13:23 **Mr. Sam Harris, Justice of the Peace, Cascade
County**

02:25:31 **Ms. Alicia Pichette, State Auditor's Office**

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a12)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a13)

02:33:45 **Ms. Jani McCall, City of Billings, Representing
Municipal Judge Mary Jane Knisely**

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a14)

02:35:24 **Mr. Don Allen, Montana Association of Insurance
and Financial Advisors**

02:36:38 **Mr. Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance
Company, American Insurance Association**

02:39:02 **Mr. Ted Clack, Montana Magistrates Association**

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a15)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus33a16)

Informational Testimony: None.

02:43:19

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:53:13

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus33aad0.PDF](#))