

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 14, 2005
at 10:00 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: HB 209, 3/10/2005; HB 157,
3/10/2005; HB 161, 3/10/2005
Executive Action: HB 161, HB 209, HB 157

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 209

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOE MCKENNEY (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on **HB 209**, Compliance with federal electronic funds transfer law as state compliance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:23 **Mr. Keith Colbo, Montana Independent Bankers**
00:04:17 **Mr. Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association**
00:06:01 **Ms. Annie Goodwin, Commissioner of Banking and**
 Financial Institutions
00:06:38 **Ms. Jill Jarman, Montana Credit Union Network**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:07:10

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:02

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:21

HEARING ON HB 157

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JOE MCKENNEY (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on **HB 157**, Index non-forfeiture rate for insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:46 **Ms. Karen Powell, Deputy Securities Commissioner,**
 State Auditor's Office

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00:15:13 **Mr. Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans,**
 also on behalf of Jacqueline Lenmark, American
 Council of Life Insurers, and Mr. Greg Van
 Horssen, State Farm

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:17:58

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Ms. Margaret Miksch, Actuary, State Auditor's Office

00:22:41

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. LAIBLE will carry HB 157 on the Senate Floor.

00:25:12

HEARING ON HB 161

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on **HB 161,**
Revise certain workers' compensation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:30

**Mr. Jerry Keck, Administrator, Employment
Relations Division, Department of Labor and
Industry**

00:30:16

**Mr. Shawn Bubb, Montana Schools Group Insurance
Authority**

00:30:37

**Mr. Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance
Authority, also representing George Wood, Montana
Self Insurer's Association**

00:31:02

Ms. Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:31:30

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:05

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:57

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 161

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALLYEAT moved that HB 161 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:38:29

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 209

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALLYEAT moved that HB 209 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:39:09

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 157

Motion/Vote: SEN. GRIMES moved that HB 157 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:43:33

DISCUSSION ON INTERIM STUDY ON PROFESSIONAL BOARDS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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