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### November 17, 2009, Room 152, State Capitol -- starting at 8:30 a.m.

(Billings site broadcast is 9 a.m. to noon via MetNet Link to MSU-Billings site, 214 N. Broadway)

- 8:30 a.m. Greetings, Roll Call, Overview of Agenda - Chairman Keane  
**Action Item:** Adoption of written Economic Affairs Committee minutes from 09-09-09
- 8:45 **SJR 30 Workers' Compensation Study**  
Updates on Plan 1 losses/claims as a percentage of payroll  
Bob Worthington and Nancy Butler, reporting on Oc. 27 work group discussions  
Report from Montana State Fund Liaisons - Sen. Zinke, Rep. Hunter  
Report on Governor's Conference on Workers' Compensation -- Rep. Vance
- 9:00 **Medical Provider Panel**
  - Ray Christopher, MD, FACOEM
  - Dave Johnson, Physicians' Assistant for St. Vincent Healthcare Occupational Medicine Clinic
  - John Petrisko, M.D., Billings ClinicComment/Questions from Helena and Comments from audience in Billings
- Break  
10:30 **Followup on Employer and Employee Perspectives on Return to Work and Fraud**  
*Panel from Billings of employers*
  - Rod Svec, Executive Director, Tumbleweed
  - Gordon Tryan, General Manager, Browns Auto Service, Inc.
  - Mike Marsh, Owner, Midland Claims Service
  - Walt Stieg, Stieg & Associates Insurance
  - N. Greg Kohn, Executive Director, Human Resources, Rocky Mountain College*Panel from Billings of employees*
  - Terry Reiter, member of the Montana Public Employees Association (invited)
  - Teamsters' member (TBD)Comment/Questions from Helena and Comments from audience in Billings
- 11:30 **Safety Programs for Agriculture and Livestock Producers**  
John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau  
Les Graham and Gene Surber, Montana Ag Safety Program
- 11:50 Public Comment on Workers' Compensation Issues
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. **Update on Workers' Compensation Fraud and Other Research Topics**  
--Ann Clayton, consultant hired by Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)  
--Jerry Keck, DOLI, update on utilization and treatment guidelines  
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DRAFT Afternoon Agenda, continued

Break

2:15 p.m.

#### Member Issues:

- Unemployment Insurance Benefits (extensions) and Trust Fund Solvency  
-- Roy Mulvaney, Department of Labor and Industry, Unemployment Division

Break

3:00

- Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards
  - ▶ Budgeting and Fees Commensurate with Costs  
-- Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry Business Standards Div.
  - ▶ Professional Assistance Programs for impaired licensed professionals  
-- Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry Business Standards Div.

Public comment on Unemployment and Professional Licensee Issues

4:15

#### Legislative Audit Report on Fantasy Sports Parimutuel Gambling

Angus MacIver, Legislative Audit Division

*Committee Update:* Staff -- Legislative Audit Committee update, January meeting review with representatives from the Board of Horseracing and the Montana Lottery

4:30

Rule Review  
Bart Campbell, staff attorney

4:45

Public Comment on any issue under the purview of the committee on or off the agenda

5:00

Staff Updates -- Budget, Audit Reports, Calendar and Meeting Dates  
**Committee Action:** Decide on next meeting dates (Jan. 20-21 instead of Jan. 19-20?)  
Directions to Staff for Next Meeting  
Adjourn

*If you plan to attend the meeting and need services or accommodations for a disability, please contact Pat Murdo by email at [pmurdo@mt.gov](mailto:pmurdo@mt.gov) or CJ Johnson at 406-444-9541 at least 5 working days before the meeting.*

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