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Room 137, State Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

(Times are subject to change. An agenda item may be earlier or later than scheduled.)

- 10:00 a.m.** **1. Call to Order - Roll Call** - Sen. Vance, presiding officer
- 10:05 a.m.** **2. Administrative Updates** - Sen. Vance and Pat Murdo, committee staff
- 10:10 a.m.** **3. Agency Monitoring - Division of Banking and Financial Institutions**
- a) Commissioner - Melanie Hall
 - Reports on Issues of Major Importance
 - Update on Legislative Impacts from Budget
 - b) Questions from the Committee
 - c) Public Comment
- 10:30 a.m.** **4. Agency Monitoring - Department of Livestock**
- a) Comparison of Federal/State Inspections and Regulations
 - Ron Eckle, Food Safety & Inspection Services, Federal/State Audits
 - b) Meat Inspection Concerns - Livestock Board Subcommittee Update
 - John Scully, Board of Livestock member
 - Brian Engle, Pioneer Meats, Representative of Meat Processors
 - c) New Proposals for Slaughterhouses and Impact on Meat Inspectors
 - Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer for Board of Livestock
 - d) Public Comment
 - e) Update on Congressional Delegation Letter to Inspector General
 - Possible Committee Action - Letter

NOTE: *Committee members may ask questions during/after each presentation*

12:00 p.m. **Lunch** (on your own)

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- 1:00 p.m.** **5. Public Comment*** on any item not on the agenda but relevant to the EAIC
- 1:15 p.m.** **6. Studies -- SJR 20 Unemployment Study**
- a) Tribal Resource Officers - Job Service Interactions
 - Scott Eychner - Workforce Services Administrator for Montana
 - Blackfeet Manpower Representatives: George Kipp IV, Marla Knopfle, Liz Gobert, Monica Butterfly
 - Janet Camel for Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes *(by phone)*
 - Doreen Bell and Jacob Rider, Fort Belknap Tribes *(by phone)*
 - b) Questions from the Committee
 - c) Public comment
- 3:30 p.m.** **7. Update on Implementation of Liquor Auctions allowed under SB 5**
- a) Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue
 - b) Questions from the Committee
 - c) Public Comment
- 4:30 p.m.** **8. Rule Review** - Jameson Walker, staff attorney
- 4:45 p.m.** **9. Reports** from Liaisons to State Fund, HB 661 Study of State Labs, HJR 20 Study of Health Care Pricing Transparency, Rail Service Competition Council
- 5:00 p.m.** **10. Directions to staff, adjourn**

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