

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Tom Berry, on March 24, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, 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 608, 3/19/2015; HB 618, 3/19/2015; HB 619, 3/20/2015;

00:00:01 Vice Chair Salomon chaired the meeting in Chairman Berry's absence.

### **HEARING ON HB 608**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:24 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 608, Revise commercial pet breeders laws.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:18 Nanette Gilbertson, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)

#### **EXHIBIT(buh61a01)**

00:12:07 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society

00:16:43 Donna Cook, St. Ignatius, Self

#### **EXHIBIT(buh61a02)**

00:23:18 Tom Ebzery, Humane Society of United States (HSUS)

00:23:56 Margaret Ambrose Barton, Self

00:25:07 Culley Cook, Self

00:25:27 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

#### **EXHIBIT(buh61a03)**

00:27:49 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:28:55 Margeret Duezabou, Self

#### **EXHIBIT(buh61a04)**

00:33:12 Rep. Theresa Manzella, Self

00:44:38 Janet Kosnik, Self

#### **EXHIBIT(buh61a05)**

#### **EXHIBIT(buh61a06)**

#### **EXHIBIT(buh61a07)**

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:47:57 Mark Cadwallader, Staff Attorney, Montana Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)

00:48:29 Tahnee Szymanski, Assistant State Veterinarian, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:48 Rep. Ricci

00:48:59 Rep. MacDonald

00:50:43 Chairman Salomon

00:51:09 Rep. MacDonald

00:52:24 Rep. Moore

00:52:53 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:53:33 Rep. Hunter

00:55:09 Rep. Pope

00:55:46 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society

00:57:55 Rep. Pope

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00:59:54 Rep. Pope  
01:01:57 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society  
01:02:12 Chairman Salomon  
01:02:26 Tahnee Szymanski, DOL  
01:03:13 Chairman Salomon  
01:03:15 Tahnee Szymanski, DOL  
01:03:17 Rep. Lang  
01:04:17 Rep. MacDonald  
01:04:59 Rep. Olsen  
01:05:49 Mark Cadwallader, DLI  
01:06:08 Rep. Olsen  
01:06:13 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society  
01:07:01 Rep. Olsen  
01:07:13 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society  
01:07:44 Rep. Ricci  
01:08:21 Rep. MacDonald  
01:09:02 Rep. Staffanson  
01:09:27 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society  
01:09:58 Rep. Staffanson  
01:10:09 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society  
01:11:12 Rep. Staffanson  
01:11:24 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:12:04 Rep. MacDonald  
  
01:16:22 Chairman Salomon  
  
01:17:28 Recessed.  
01:17:41 Reconvened.

**HEARING ON HB 618****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:17:59 Rep. Christopher Pope (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 618, Interim study to reform state liquor licensing laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:25:14 Tony Herbert, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)  
**EXHIBIT(buh61a08)**  
01:30:33 Brian Clark, Fun Beverage, Kalispell, Self  
**EXHIBIT(buh61a09)**  
**EXHIBIT(buh61a10)**  
01:42:10 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association.(MBWDA)  
01:48:50 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Distillers Guild  
01:52:30 Rep. Pierson arrived.  
01:54:58 Mona Jamison, Wine Institute  
01:56:31 J. P. Crowley, Triple Divide Spirits, Helena  
01:57:24 Josh Paffhausen, Lolo Liquor

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:01:51 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
02:07:06 Mike Hope, President, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
02:17:39 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)  
02:21:03 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)  
02:24:50 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association  
02:27:48 Albert McDonald, Bozeman, Self  
02:31:45 Steve Kuntz, Bozeman, Self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:33:55 Rep. Pope  
  
02:38:16 Chairman Salomon

**HEARING ON HB 619****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:38:38 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 619, Revise restaurant beer and wine license laws.

[EXHIBIT\(buh61a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh61a12\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:44:46 Paul Cartwright, Self  
[EXHIBIT\(buh61a13\)](#)  
02:52:29 Hillary Potuzak, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:54:09 Albert McDonald, Bozeman, Self  
02:57:58 Steve Kuntz, Bozeman, Self  
03:00:52 Mike Hope, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
03:03:56 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh61a14\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh61a15\)](#)  
03:10:32 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)  
03:11:27 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)  
03:12:20 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association

**Informational Testimony:**

03:13:33 Steve Swanson, Management Analyst, Liquor Control Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:13:55 Rep. Moore  
03:14:35 Mike Hope, MTA

03:15:21 Rep. Ricci  
03:15:47 Rep. Eck  
03:16:28 Rep. Lang  
03:17:02 Steve Swanson, DLI  
03:17:32 Rep. Lang  
03:17:38 Steve Swanson, DLI  
03:17:44 Rep. Olsen  
03:18:50 Rep. Eck  
03:19:19 Rep. Pope  
03:20:12 Paul Cartwright, Self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:22:01 Rep. Eck  
  
03:26:54 Chairman Salomon  
03:26:59 Pat Murdo, LSD  
03:27:37 Chairman Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:28:03

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([buh61aad.pdf](#))**