

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on March 26, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
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. Gordon Pierson Jr (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. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)

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 624, 3/23/2015; HB 625, 3/23/2015; SB 307, 3/19/2015,
SB 365, 3/20/2015; SB 390, 3/20/2015
Executive Action: HB 618, HB 624, HB 625, SB 258

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON HB 624

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Rep. Scott Staffanson (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 624, Revise occupational licensing laws to provide board of medical denturistry.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:09 Brent Kandarian, AAMD

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:31 Dave Hemion, Executive Director, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh63a01\)](#)

00:24:17 Greg Gould, Counsel for Montana Dental Association

00:31:36 Jim Ahrens, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh63a02\)](#)

00:32:19 Judy Bovington, Chief Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:21 Rep. Moore

00:34:25 Dave Hemion, MDA

00:34:29 Rep. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:22 Rep. Staffanson

00:38:00 Recessed.

00:43:25 Reconvened.

HEARING ON HB 625

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:38 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 625, Create special event permit for certain wine sales.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:15 Niki Sardot, Self

[EXHIBIT\(buh63a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony

00:52:11 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

00:54:45 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

00:57:22 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GMI)

00:58:12 Kristi Blaser, Montana Beer & Wine Distributers Association (MBWDA)

00:58:52 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association

Informational Testimony:

01:00:19 Steve Swanson, Management Analyst, Liquor Control Board, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:40 Rep. Pierson

01:01:04 Rep. Tschida

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:13 Rep. Tschida

HEARING ON SB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:10 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 390, Study fees charged relating to boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:40 Mona Jamison, Montana Physical Therapy Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:09:30 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:04 Rep. Curdy

01:10:47 Sen. Arntzen

01:12:47 Rep. Hunter

01:13:17 Sen. Arntzen

01:13:47 Chairman Berry

01:13:58 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:14:39 Sen. Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:04 Sen. Arntzen

01:16:25 Chairman Berry

01:16:40 Recessed.

01:24:18 Reconvened.

HEARING ON SB 307

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:26 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 307, Provide for recognition of Tribally organized business entities.

EXHIBIT(buh63a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:39:09 Andrew Huff, Chief Legal Counsel, Governor's Office
01:42:08 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State
01:42:49 Casey Lozar, Director, State Tribal Economics Development Commission,
Department of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:45:31 Tim Busby, Business Operations Supervisor, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:07 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

HEARING ON SB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:18 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 365, Generally
revise liquor license laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:50:21 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
01:51:00 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:51:29 Steve Swanson, Liquor Control Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:42 Rep. Ricci
01:52:11 Sen. Buttrey
01:52:32 Rep. Staffanson
01:52:54 Steve Swanson, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:11 Sen. Buttrey

01:53:50 Chairman Berry
01:54:20 Rep. Lang

01:54:30 Recessed.
02:15:00 Reconvened with Rep. Hunter absent.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 624

02:15:03 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 624 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:15:17 Rep. Staffanson

[EXHIBIT\(buh63a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh63a06\)](#)

02:15:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-17 by roll call vote with Rep. Noland and Rep. Staffanson voting aye. Rep. Hunter voted by proxy.

02:16:21 Rep. Hunter arrived.

02:17:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 624 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 625

02:17:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 625 DO PASS.** Motion failed 4-15 by voice vote with Rep. D. Moore, Rep. Noland, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Staffanson voting aye.

02:18:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 625 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 618

02:18:53 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 618 DO PASS.**

02:19:00 Chairman Berry

02:19:10 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 618 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(buh63a07\)](#)

Discussion:

02:19:21 Rep. Pope

02:23:02 Chairman Berry left the meeting.

02:24:03 Chairman Berry returned.

- 02:24:18 Rep. Clark
02:24:53 Rep. Hunter
- 02:26:28 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Hunter, Rep. Kipp, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope and Rep. Steenberg voting aye.
- 02:27:25 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 618 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(buh63a08\)](#)

Discussion:

- 02:27:39 Rep. Clark
02:28:45 Rep. Moore
02:29:18 Rep. Welborn
02:29:56 Rep. Clark
- 02:30:13 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Clark made a substitute motion that **HB061804apm BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY** by striking sections 4 and 5 of the bill entirely (Page 3, lines 1-7) and replacing the \$30,000 appropriation with a \$2,000 appropriation.

Discussion:

- 02:31:16 Rep. Lynch
02:31:40 Rep. Fitzpatrick left the meeting
- 02:31:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Hunter, Rep. Kipp and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.
- 02:33:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 618 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hunter voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 258

- 02:33:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lang moved that **SB 258 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**
Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Ricci and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.
- 02:36:18 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 258 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(buh63a09\)](#)

Discussion:

- 02:36:32 Pat Murdo, LSD
02:37:34 Chairman Berry
02:37:40 Pat Murdo, LSD
02:38:05 Rep. Hunter
02:38:18 Pat Murdo, LSD
02:38:24 Rep. Hunter

02:38:37 Pat Murdo, LSD

02:38:55 Rep. Pope

02:39:30 Pat Murdo, LSD

02:40:49 Rep. Kipp

02:42:21 Rep. Lang

02:42:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Kipp, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy.

02:44:09 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 258 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:45:06 Rep. Hunter

02:45:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Kipp, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Staffanson voting no. Rep. Fitzpatrick voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

02:46:24 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:47:04

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh63aad.pdf](#))