

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on February 4, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, 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 184, 1/27/2015; SB 196, 1/30/2015; SB 138, 1/27/2015; HB  
38, 1/27/2015

**HEARING ON HB 184**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:45 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 184. Exempt certified public accountants from private investigator regulation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:00 John Steinhoff, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)

00:04:18 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus25a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:17 Sen. Brown

00:06:20 Rep. Hertz (redirect)

00:06:52 Ms. Franz, MSCPA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:18 Rep. Hertz

**HEARING ON SB 196**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:01 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 196. Private sector veteran hiring preference protection.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:20 Mark San Souci, regional state liaison, Department of Defense (DOD)

[EXHIBIT\(bus25a02\)](#)

00:15:58 Bryan Fox, Department of Military Affairs, Montana Air National Guard

00:17:34 Gary White, American Legion; also speaking for office of Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

00:18:04 Jim Higgins, Enlisted Association of the Montana National Guard

00:19:37 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:20:21 Aimee Grmoljez, Walmart

00:21:22 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project (MOP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:08 Sen. Brown  
00:22:45 Sen. Caferro  
00:23:24 Chairman Buttrey  
00:23:30 Sen. Brown  
00:23:35 Mr. San Souci, DOD  
00:24:53 Sen. Brown  
00:24:57 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:25:25 Sen. Caferro  
00:25:26 Sen. Connell  
00:25:40 Mr. San Souci  
00:26:49 Chairman Buttrey  
00:26:53 Sen. Caferro  
00:27:33 Chairman Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:42 Sen. Caferro  
  
00:28:27 Chairman Buttrey  
00:28:44 Sen. Connell  
  
00:29:00 Recess  
00:31:19 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 138**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:22 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 138. Give safe harbors for employers, schools, landlords for criminal rehabilitation.

[EXHIBIT\(bus25a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus25a04\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:07 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice (MCSJ)

[EXHIBIT\(bus25a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus25a06\)](#)

00:44:30 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project (MOP)

00:46:10 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:46:44 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association (MTLA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:03 Sen. Connell  
00:52:20 Sen. Hoven  
00:54:14 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:54:53 Mr. Smith, MTLA  
00:55:17 Sen. Smith  
00:55:25 Mr. Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:05 Sen. Hoven  
[EXHIBIT\(bus25a07\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus25a08\)](#)

01:02:54 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 38**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:02 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 38. Generally revise gaming laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:05:42 Rick Ask, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
01:13:25 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana (GIAM)  
01:15:17 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)  
01:20:51 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:22:08 Sen. Brown  
01:25:35 Mr. Ask, DOJ  
01:26:13 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:26:35 Mr. Ask  
01:26:50 Chairman Buttrey  
01:27:18 Mr. Ask

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:48 Rep. Schreiner  
01:28:44 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:30 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus25aad.pdf](#))**