

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on April 7, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

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 546, 4/1/2015; HB 560, 4/1/2015

HEARING ON HB 546

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:51 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 546. Revise nonprofit casino night laws for county fairs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:49 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

00:05:49 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association

00:06:16 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:37 Rick Ask, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:40 Sen. Brown

00:08:26 Mr. Ask, DOJ

00:08:58 Sen. Facey

00:09:43 Mr. Ask

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:24 Rep. Schwaderer

00:11:25 Chairman Buttrey

[EXHIBIT\(bus69a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 560

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:58 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 560. Revise fund structure and budgetary process for board of accountants.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:36 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus69a02\)](#)

00:18:19 Dan Vuckovich, Montana State Board of Public Accountants (MSBPA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus69a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:25:54 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:15 Sen. Brown
00:26:35 Ms. Bovington, DLI
00:26:52 Sen. Facey
00:28:00 Mr. Vuckovich, MSBPA
00:28:29 Sen. Facey
00:28:32 Sen. Smith
00:28:39 Sen. Whitford
00:29:13 Ms. Bovington
00:30:08 Chairman Buttrey
00:33:00 Ms. Bovington
00:33:10 Sen. Facey
00:34:13 Ms. Bovington
00:34:32 Sen. Facey
00:35:09 Rep. Hertz
00:35:28 Sen. Brown
00:36:04 Rep. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:17 Rep. Hertz

00:36:58 Chairman Buttrey
00:37:36 Sen. Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:38 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus69aad.pdf](#))