

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on March 23, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (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 603, HB 582, SB 44, SB 245  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 603****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:02:22 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 603, Revise liquor laws to change hours, fees for micro distilleries, small brewers.
- 00:02:40 Rep. Funk joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony**

- 00:04:59 Matt Leow, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)
- 00:06:54 John McKee, Montana Distillers Guild
- 00:08:05 Brian Smith, Blackfoot River Brewing
- 00:09:50 Patrick Kainz, Map Brewing Company
- 00:10:54 Ethan Kohoutek, Ten Mile Creek Brewery

**Opponents' Testimony:**

- 00:11:51 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**[EXHIBIT\(buh60a01\)](#)**

- 00:16:58 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
- 00:19:18 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)
- 00:19:58 John Hayes, Cascade County Tavern Association
- 00:21:36 Dax Cetraro, Self
- 00:23:03 Bruce McCullough, Tri-County Licensed Beverage Association
- 00:24:33 Kristen Cetraro, Self
- 00:25:12 Robert Lincoln, North Lake Beverage Association
- 00:25:42 Ralph Ferraro, Self
- 00:26:06 Maria Bachmeier, Self
- 00:26:29 Roger Curtis, Self
- 00:27:04 Tom Heisler, Self
- 00:27:48 Jim Johnson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**Informational Testimony:**

- 00:33:07 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 00:33:42 Rep. Loge
- 00:34:16 Matt Leow, BMA
- 00:35:19 Rep. Loge
- 00:35:37 John Iverson, MTA
- 00:35:57 Rep. Trebas
- 00:38:56 John Iverson, MTA
- 00:40:20 Rep. Rosendale
- 00:42:38 John Iverson, MTA
- 00:45:27 Rep. Curtis
- 00:46:36 John McKee, Montana Distillers Guild
- 00:46:41 Chair Noland
- 00:47:06 Shauna Helfert, DOR
- 00:47:25 Chair Noland
- 00:47:31 Shauna Helfert, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:51 Rep. Hertz

**HEARING ON HB 582****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:10 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 582, Montana pet breeders act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:25 Nanette Gilbertson, Humane Society of Western Montana (HSWM) and  
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)  
01:07:42 Tom Ebzery, Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)  
01:08:50 Lee Bridges, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:12:07 Penny Johnson, Self  
01:16:04 Florence Josephs, Self  
01:17:22 Margaret Duezabou, Self  
01:22:14 Janet Kosnik, Self  
01:24:30 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association  
01:26:01 Cathie Warren, Self  
01:36:35 Cara Greger, Self  
01:44:29 Rep. Theresa Manzella

**EXHIBIT(buh60a02)**

01:47:52 Rep. Curtis  
01:48:06 Rep. Manzella  
01:54:21 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association  
01:56:07 Rep. Manzella

**EXHIBIT(buh60a03)** Rep. McCamey

01:56:25 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXHIBIT(buh60a04)****Informational Testimony:**

01:56:50 Todd Younkin, Department Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:57:13 Rep. Vinton  
01:58:16 Rep. Hertz  
01:59:09 Rep. Gunderson  
01:59:31 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association  
01:59:48 Rep. Loge  
02:00:44 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association  
02:01:12 Rep. Loge  
02:01:19 Rep. Hertz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:01:50 Rep. Hertz

**HEARING ON SB 44****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:08:01 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 44, Provide process to hold patients harmless from balance billing by air ambulance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:10:20 Jesse Laslovich, Self  
02:11:26 Chair Noland left the meeting and Vice Chair Ricci assumed the chair.  
02:15:57 Andrea Brown, Self  
02:16:03 Rep. Noland joined the meeting and resumed the chair.  
02:18:14 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.  
02:20:20 Wayne Dykstra, Self  
02:22:11 Megan Duncan, Self  
02:27:30 Amy Thomson, Self  
02:35:44 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:42:35 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a06\)](#)

02:48:28 Marilyn Bartlett, Department of Administration (DOA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a07\)](#)

02:53:57 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans  
02:59:27 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.  
02:59:36 Bill Bryant, Coalition of Montana Air Ambulance Providers.  
03:06:31 Brian Thompson, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority, Montana Contractors Association  
03:07:56 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
03:11:20 Ellen Stinar, Self

**Informational Testimony:**

03:14:49 Nancy Butler, SOA

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:15:08 Rep. Rosendale  
03:15:57 Bill Bryant, Coalition of Montana Air Ambulance Providers  
03:17:11 Rep. Rosendale  
03:17:25 Bill Bryant, Coalition of Montana Air Ambulance Providers  
03:18:38 Rep. Trebas  
03:19:38 Sen. Vance  
03:20:52 Rep. Pierson  
03:21:07 Jesse Laslovich, Self  
03:22:48 Rep. Gunderson  
03:23:51 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:25:53 Sen. Vance

**HEARING ON SB 245**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

03:29:08 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 245, Generally revise Montana captive insurance laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

03:31:28 John Huth, Montana Captive Insurance Association (MCIA)  
**EXHIBIT(buh60a08)**

03:32:14 Aimee Grmoljez, (MCIA)

03:33:39 Brenda Ash, East Terrace Insurance Resources

03:35:04 Dan Stusek, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)

03:36:30 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:37:24 Rep. Curdy

03:38:11 John Huth, MCIA

03:38:31 Rep. Pierson

03:38:49 Dan Stusek, OSA

03:39:09 Chair Noland

03:39:21 Aimee Grmoljez, MCIA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:40:01 Sen. Salomon

03:40:38 Chair Noland

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:41:17

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([buh60aad.pdf](#))**