

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on March 29, 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. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 663, 3/28/2017; HJ 23, 3/23/2017; SB 254, 3/24/2017
Executive Action: HB 653, HB 657, HB 663, HJ 23, HJ 26

HEARING ON SB 254

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 254, Provide fees in statute for licensure as retail food establishment.

EXHIBIT(buh65a01)

00:04:00 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

00:06:50 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

00:08:15 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC) National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

00:08:50 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:20 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT(buh65a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:38 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 663

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:38 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 663, Revise requirements for gaming route operators.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:22 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:36 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

00:23:16 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association

Informational Testimony:

00:27:59 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:29 Rep. Ricci

00:28:55 Angela Nunn, DOJ

00:29:33 Rep. Loge

00:29:50 Rep. Lynch

00:30:28 Rep. Trebas

00:31:40 Rep. Lynch

00:33:39 Rep. Fitzgerald

00:34:18 John Iverson, MTA
00:35:57 Chair Noland
00:36:09 Neil Peterson, GIA
00:37:31 Chair Noland
00:37:49 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association
00:39:46 Rep. Ricci
00:40:32 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:48 Rep. Lynch

HEARING ON HJ 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:15 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HJ 23, Study resolution of aluminum can recycling deposit and refund program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:40 Amy Rapp, Self

[EXHIBIT\(buh65a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:47 Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association (mtbev)

00:58:54 Melissa Shannon, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association

Informational Testimony:

00:59:54 Rick Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:35 Rep. Vinton
01:01:27 Rep. Price
01:03:23 Rep. Fitzgerald
01:04:24 Rick Thompson, DEQ
01:05:32 Rep. Trebas
01:06:03 Rick Thompson, DEQ
01:06:22 Rep. Loge
01:06:59 Rick Thompson, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:36 Rep. Price

01:08:25 Chair Noland

01:11:24 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:12:29 Chair Noland

01:13:29 Recessed.

01:38:56 Reconvened with Rep. Olsen, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Windy Boy excused.

01:39:04 Pat Murdo, LSD
01:41:12 Chair Noland

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 663

01:41:36 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 663 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:42:01 Rep. Ricci

01:42:16 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:43:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 663 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 653

01:44:01 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 653 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:44:16 Rep. Funk

01:45:04 Rep. Vinton

01:45:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 657

01:47:05 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 657 DO PASS.**

01:47:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 657 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(buh65a04)

01:48:06 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 657 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:48:15 Rep. Loge

01:48:53 Rep. Vinton

01:49:40 Rep. Curtis

01:50:26 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:51:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 657 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 16-3 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 23

01:57:22 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 23 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:58:04 Rep. Ricci

01:58:18 Rep. Anderson

01:59:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

02:00:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 23 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 26

01:52:09 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 26 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:52:49 Rep. Curtis

01:53:41 Rep. Loge

01:54:22 Rep. Ricci

01:54:40 Rep. Funk

01:55:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:56:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 26 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:00:53

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh65aad.pdf](#))