

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on January 17, 2019 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Kauzlarich, 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 35, 1/10/2019; HB 59, 1/10/2019; HB 121, 1/10/2019

**HEARING ON HB 121**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:33:37 Rep. Becky Beard (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 121, Provide for direct shipment license for tobacco sales.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Discussion:**

08:38:45 Vice Chair Ricci

08:38:49 Rep. Beard

08:39:05 Rep. Buttrey

08:39:14 Vice Chair Ricci

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:39:33 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(buh09a01\)\*\*](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

08:42:05 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:43:45 Rep. Buttrey

08:44:21 Spook Stang, MCM

08:45:01 Rep. Olsen

08:45:32 Rep. Beard

08:46:00 Rep. Olsen

08:46:20 Rep. Beard

08:47:00 Rep. Loge

08:47:21 Rep. Beard

08:47:35 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

08:48:35 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy

08:49:57 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

08:50:31 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy

08:50:56 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

08:51:41 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy

08:51:51 Vice Chair Ricci

08:52:17 Rep. Vinton

08:52:40 Rep. Beard

08:52:53 Vice Chair Ricci

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:53:01 Rep. Becky Beard (R), HD 80

08:54:59 Vice Chair Ricci

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(buh09a02\)\*\*](#)

**HEARING ON HB 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:55:45 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 35, Revise alcohol laws regarding auctions and quota areas.

**[EXHIBIT\(buh09a03\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:04:33 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**[EXHIBIT\(buh09a04\)](#)**

09:10:58 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:22:12 Rep. Curdy

09:23:24 Rep. Buttrey

09:24:36 Rep. Curdy

09:24:52 Rep. Buttrey

09:25:38 Rep. Curdy

**[EXHIBIT\(buh09a05\)](#)**

09:27:30 Rep. Buttrey

09:27:57 John Iverson, MTA

09:28:46 Rep. Pope

09:29:38 Becky Schlauch, DOR

09:29:54 Rep. Pope

09:30:13 Becky Schlauch, DOR

09:30:29 Rep. Harvey

09:30:40 Rep. Vinton

09:30:59 Becky Schlauch, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:31:33 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21

09:32:42 Vice Chair Ricci

**HEARING ON HB 59****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:33:59 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 59, Repeal the Rail Service Competition Council.

**[EXHIBIT\(buh09a06\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:36:54 Ron Ostberg, Montana Farmer's Union

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:40:31 Rep. Olsen

09:41:04 Rep. Lynch

**[EXHIBIT\(buh09a07\)](#)**

09:41:29 Rep. Olsen

09:42:20 Rep. Lynch

09:42:57 Rep. Olsen

09:43:13 Rep. Curdy

09:43:40 Matt Jones, BNSF Railway (BNSF)

09:43:46 Rep. Curdy

09:44:10 Matt Jones, BNSF

09:44:29 Rep. Curdy

09:45:30 Ron Ostberg, Montana Farmer's Union

09:46:24 Rep. Fitzgerald

09:46:59 Rep. Lynch

09:48:09 Rep. Fitzgerald

09:48:45 Rep. Sullivan

09:49:00 Rep. Lynch

09:49:16 Vice Chair Ricci

09:49:46 Ron Ostberg, Montana Farmer's Union

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:50:42 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76

09:51:30 Vice Chair Ricci

09:51:47 Recess

10:01:23 Reconvened

10:01:57 Vice Chair Ricci

10:03:03 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:04:33 Vice Chair Ricci

10:04:40 Pat Murdo, LSD

10:05:03 Vice Chair Ricci

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:05:12

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh09aad.pdf](#))