

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on February 20, 2019 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)  
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:** None

**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 460, 2/14/2019; HB 472, 2/14/2019; HB 455, 2/15/2019; HB 475, 2/15/2019

Executive Action: HB 373, HB 413, HB 448

08:00:02 Chair Noland

### **HEARING ON HB 460**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:02:48 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 460, Require employers to allow veterans the day off on Veterans' Day.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:10:54 George Blackard, American Legion of Montana (ALM)

08:14:28 Roger Hagan, American Legion of Montana (ALM), Montana National Guard (NGMT)

08:15:46 Gary White, American Legion of Montana (ALM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:16:29 Rep. Curdy

08:17:24 Roger Hagan, ALM, NGMT

08:17:29 Rep. Zolnikov

08:18:10 Rep. Vinton

08:18:38 Rep. Zolnikov

08:18:47 Rep. Vinton

08:18:56 Rep. Zolnikov

08:19:45 Chair Noland

08:19:55 Rep. Buttrey

08:20:17 Roger Hagan, ALM, NGMT

08:20:55 Rep. Buttrey

08:21:11 Rep. Zolnikov

08:21:32 Rep. Olsen

08:22:21 Rep. Zolnikov

08:24:07 Rep. Sullivan

08:24:37 Rep. Zolnikov

08:25:05 Rep. Duram

08:26:25 Rep. Zolnikov

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

08:26:43 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45

08:27:59 Rep. Krautter left the meeting.

### **HEARING ON HB 472**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:28:24 Rep. Marilyn Marler (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 472, Require certain employers to report on nurse employment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:33:45 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)  
08:40:46 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:44:33 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
08:48:06 Eve Franklin, Montana Health Care Association, Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA)  
08:53:01 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic Medical Center  
08:56:24 Chris Bates, Shodair Children's Hospital

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:57:35 Rep. Pierson  
08:57:51 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
08:57:57 Rep. Pierson  
08:58:04 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
08:58:21 Rep. Buttrey  
08:58:35 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
08:58:40 Rep. Buttrey  
08:58:50 Heather O' Hara, MHA  
08:58:55 Rep. Buttrey  
08:59:26 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
09:00:57 Rep. Funk  
09:01:30 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
09:01:45 Rep. Grubbs  
09:02:14 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
09:02:40 Rep. Curdy  
09:03:27 Vicky Bryd, MNA  
09:04:07 Rep. Pierson  
09:04:20 Vicky Bryd, MNA  
09:04:47 Rep. Pope  
09:05:30 Vicky Bryd, MNA  
09:06:30 Rep. Duram  
09:07:10 Eve Franklin, FCA  
09:08:43 Vice Chair Ricci  
09:09:02 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
09:09:09 Vice Chair Ricci  
09:09:20 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
09:11:07 Rep. Harvey  
09:11:37 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
09:11:33 Rep. Harvey  
09:12:03 Heather O'Hara, MHA  
09:12:40 Chair Noland  
09:13:57 Eric Anderson, MNA  
09:15:08 Vicky Bryd, MNA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:15:41 Rep. Marilyn Marler (D), HD 90

**HEARING ON HB 475****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:21:15 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 475, Allow parimutuel sports betting under the board of horseracing..

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:23:37 Taylor Alonso, Montana Simucast Racing, LLC (MSRLLC)  
**EXHIBIT(buh36a01)**

09:26:57 Scott Boulanger, Montana Race Horse Owners and Breeders Coalition  
09:28:12 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)  
**EXHIBIT(buh36a02)**

09:32:19 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana (GIA)  
09:32:54 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

09:35:36 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:37:33 Chair Noland  
09:37:50 Angela Nunn, DOJ  
09:38:10 Chair Noland  
09:39:11 Rep. Vinton  
09:39:27 Rep. Tschida  
09:39:40 Rep. Vinton  
09:40:08 Rep. Tschida  
09:41:11 Rep. Loge  
09:41:40 Rep. Tschida  
09:42:19 Rep. Curdy  
09:43:28 Taylor Alonso, MSRLLC  
09:44:04 Rep. Curdy  
09:44:32 Taylor Alonso, MSRLLC  
09:44:44 Rep. Curdy  
09:44:59 Taylor Alonso, MSRLLC  
09:46:17 Rep. Pope  
09:46:52 Taylor Alonso, MSRLLC  
09:47:04 Chair Noland

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:47:59 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97

**HEARING ON HB 455****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:52:17 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 455, Provide unemployment for certain teachers and adjunct school personnel.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:55:56 Erik Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
09:59:41 Rep. Vinton left the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:02:11 Steve Meloy, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA), Montana Schools  
Unemployment Insurance Program (MTSUIP)

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:09:47 Rep. Loge  
10:10:10 Steve Meloy, MTSBA, MTSUIP  
10:10:33 Rep. Loge  
10:10:47 Steve Meloy, MTSBA, MTSUIP  
10:11:10 Rep. Pope  
10:12:03 Erik Burke, MFPE  
10:13:06 Rep. Funk  
10:13:46 Erik Burke, MFPE  
10:15:38 Vice Chair Ricci  
10:15:56 Erik Burke, MFPE  
10:16:06 Vice Chair Ricci  
10:16:31 Steve Meloy, MTSBA, MTSUIP  
10:16:50 Rep. Curdy  
10:17:18 Chair Noland

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:17:40 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32

**Committee Business:**

10:19:38 Chair Noland  
10:21:25 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
10:21:59 Chair Noland  
  
10:22:13 Recessed  
10:53:59 Reconvened with Rep. Vinton present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 373**

10:54:12 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 373 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:54:29 Rep. Grubbs  
  
10:55:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 413**

10:55:47 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 413 DO PASS.**

10:56:02 **Motion:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 413 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(buh36a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:56:34 Rep. Gunderson  
10:57:02 Chair Noland  
10:58:43 Rep. Gunderson  
10:57:49 Chair Noland  
10:58:09 Rep. Gunderson  
10:58:40 Rep. Funk  
10:59:07 Chair Noland

10:59:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

10:59:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Curdy moved that **HB 413 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(buh36a04\)](#)

11:00:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 413 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 448**

11:01:16 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 448 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:01:33 Rep. Funk

11:03:23 **Motion:** Rep. Funk moved that **HB 448 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(buh36a05\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:03:45 Rep. Buttrey

11:04:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

11:04:22 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 448 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:04:33 Rep. Funk  
11:05:02 Rep. Grubbs  
11:05:23 Rep. Funk  
11:06:11 Rep. Grubbs  
11:06:29 Rep. Funk  
11:07:21 Rep. Duram  
11:07:37 Vice Chair Ricci  
11:07:56 Rep. Vinton  
11:08:37 Rep. Funk

11:09:17 Chair Noland  
11:09:57 Rep. Buttrey  
11:10:22 Chair Noland  
11:10:30 Rep. Buttrey  
11:10:50 Rep. Olsen

11:11:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Duram, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting aye. Rep. Krautter voted by proxy.

11:13:17 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci made a substitute motion that **HB 448 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Duram voting no. Rep. Krautter was excused.

**Committee Business:**

11:13:41 Chair Noland  
11:14:26 Rep. Funk  
11:14:53 Chair Noland  
11:15:03 Rep. Funk  
11:15:28 Chair Noland

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:15:40

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh36aad.pdf](#))