

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on March 21, 2019 at 8:30 AM, 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. 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. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

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 644, 3/15/2019; HB 515, 3/18/2019; HB 613, 3/18/2019

08:31:53 Chair Noland

HEARING ON HB 515

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:33:50 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 515, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

EXHIBIT(buh58a01)

08:37:23 Rep. Olsen joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:40:25 Michele Snowberger, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:41:10 Chair Noland
08:42:16 Rep. Olsen
08:43:33 Rep. Buttrey joined the meeting.
08:43:55 Michele Snowberger, MVD
08:47:03 Rep. Olsen
08:47:17 Michele Snowberger, MVD
08:47:39 Rep. Olsen
08:49:53 Rep. Anderson left the meeting.
08:49:59 Rep. Olsen
08:51:26 Michele Snowberger, MVD
08:53:40 Rep. Krautter
08:55:29 Michele Snowberger, MVD
08:57:59 Rep. Curdy
08:59:08 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
08:59:43 Rep. Curdy
08:59:59 Rep. Duram
09:00:58 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:02:12 Rep. Duram
09:02:25 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:02:54 Rep. Duram
09:03:43 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:04:53 Chair Noland
09:05:09 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:05:15 Rep. Gunderson
09:05:39 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:05:42 Rep. Gunderson
09:06:04 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:06:19 Rep. Pope
09:07:45 Rep. Usher
09:10:34 Chair Noland
09:10:37 Rep. Usher

09:10:41 Chair Noland
09:10:44 Rep. Olsen
09:12:04 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:14:32 Rep. Olsen
09:15:04 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:15:17 Chair Noland
09:15:23 Rep. Olsen
09:15:26 Michele Snowberger, MVD
09:15:40 Rep. Olsen
09:15:48 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:31 Rep. Barry Usher

HEARING ON HB 613

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:18:47 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 613, Create exception to liquor quota system for residential senior facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:21:19 Margaret Morgan, Retirement Communities
09:22:15 Jason Cronk, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
09:26:35 David Trost, St. John's United
09:30:56 Robert Brown, Resident of Immanuel Lutheran Communities
09:34:12 James Tutwiler, Resident, Touchmark
09:36:23 John Whitman, Resident, Touchmark
09:39:35 Susanne Beck, Resident, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
09:41:22 David Maurer, Resident, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
09:43:05 Joe May, Touchmark
09:45:15 Tom Schlotterback, St. John's United
09:49:16 Rep. Bob Brown, HD 13
09:52:10 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)
09:53:37 Sarah Schroefel, Self
09:55:22 Fred Thompson, Resident, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
09:56:44 ShelbyThompson, Resident, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
09:58:00 Carla Wilton, Immanuel Lutheran Communities

EXHIBIT(buh58a02)

10:02:15 Martha Maurer, Resident, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
10:03:29 Janet Gurr, Resident, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
10:05:50 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)
10:09:01 Brenda Connelly, Springs Living Montana Communities
10:09:34 Rep. Anderson rejoined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

10:15:52 Lynne Grosfield, Self
10:28:31 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

Informational Testimony:

10:34:23 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)
10:35:35 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:36:14 Rep. Olsen
10:37:43 Angela Nunn, DOJ
10:38:02 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:38:23 Rep. Olsen
10:38:57 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:39:09 Rep. Olsen
10:39:22 Chair Noland
10:39:30 Rep. Olsen
10:41:09 Joe May, Touchmark
10:42:12 Rep. Olsen
10:42:24 Joe May, Touchmark
10:42:27 Chair Noland
10:42:37 Joe May, Touchmark
10:42:47 Rep. Loge
10:43:13 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:43:24 Rep. Buttrey
10:43:49 Joe May, Touchmark
10:44:01 Rep. Buttrey
10:44:14 Joe May, Touchmark
10:44:20 Rep. Pope
10:45:15 Brenda Connelly, Springs Living Retirement Community
10:45:21 Rep. Pope
10:45:34 Brenda Connelly, Springs Living Retirement Community
10:46:59 Vice Chair Ricci
10:47:20 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:48:20 Vice Chair Ricci
10:48:41 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:49:35 Rep. Sullivan
10:50:11 Rep. Vinton
10:50:34 Rep. Sullivan
10:50:51 Rep. Vinton
10:51:20 Rep. Gunderson
10:52:09 Jason Cronk, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
10:52:50 Rep. Gunderson
10:53:05 Jason Cronk, Immanuel Lutheran Communities
10:53:18 Rep. Gunderson
10:53:56 Brenda Connelly, Springs Living Retirement Community
10:54:40 Rep. Gunderson
10:54:50 Brenda Connelly, Springs Living Retirement Community
10:55:00 Chair Noland
10:55:37 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:56:08 Chair Noland
10:56:59 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:57:16 Chair Noland

10:57:27 Rep. Gunderson
10:58:00 Becky Schlauch, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

10:58:28 Rep. Vinton

HEARING ON HB 644**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:06:49 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 644, Allow for alcohol cigar bars.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:08:33 Tyler Henson, International Premium Cigar & Pipe Retailers Association (IPCPR)

[EXHIBIT\(buh58a03\)](#)

11:12:01 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG)

[EXHIBIT\(buh58a04\)](#)

11:13:32 David Herbst, Americans For Prosperity Montana (AFP-MT)

Opponents' Testimony:

11:15:52 Robert Shepherd, Self

11:22:50 Stacy Campbell, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

11:28:10 Jane Weber, Commissioner, Cascade County

[EXHIBIT\(buh58a05\)](#)

11:35:56 Kristin Page-Nei, American Cancer Society (ACS), Cancer Action Network (CAN), American Heart Association (AHA), American Lung Association (ALA), Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Americans for Non-Smokers' Rights Foundation (ANRF), Cancer Support Community

[EXHIBIT\(buh58a06\)](#)

11:42:00 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO), Montana Public Health Association (MPHA), Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA)

11:44:32 Lois Fitzpatrick, American Cancer Society (ACS), Cancer Action Network (CAN)

Informational Testimony:

11:48:31 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

11:48:50 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:49:31 Rep. Gunderson

11:49:57 Erin McGowan, AMPHO, MPHA, MEHA

11:50:07 Rep. Gunderson

11:50:26 Erin McGowan, AMPHO, MPHA, MEHA

11:50:28 Rep. Gunderson

11:51:05 Erin McGowan, AMPHO, MPHA, MEHA

11:51:35 Rep. Gunderson
11:51:41 Rep. Harvey
11:52:15 Rep. Galt
11:52:36 Tyler Henson, IPCPR
11:53:43 Rep. Olsen left the meeting.
11:54:49 Rep. Harvey
11:55:10 Tyler Henson, IPCPR
11:55:31 Chair Noland
11:55:42 Tyler Henson, IPCPR
11:55:48 Chair Noland
11:56:00 Tyler Henson, IPCPR

Closing by Sponsor:

11:56:47 Rep. Galt

Committee Business:

11:58:04 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:58:56

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh58aad.pdf](#))