

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on March 26, 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. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 725, 3/22/2019; HB 727, 3/22/2019; HB 729, 3/22/2019;  
HB 731, 3/22/2019; HB 732 3/22/2019; HB 751 3/25/2019

Executive Action: HB 515, HB 613, HB 727, HB 729, HB 731, HB 732, HB 751

08:03:09 Chair Noland  
08:05:05 Vice Chair Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Funk joined the meeting.

### **HEARING ON HB 725**

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

08:05:34 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 725, Allow sports wagering through the state lottery.

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

08:07:36 Angela Wong, Director, Montana State Lottery (MSL)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh62a01\)](#)

08:14:15 Scott Hoss, Intralot  
[EXHIBIT\(buh62a02\)](#)

08:16:04 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
08:18:34 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)  
08:21:18 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

08:23:20 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

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

08:24:12 Rep. Pope  
08:24:29 Director Wong, MSL  
08:24:45 Rep. Pope  
08:25:17 Director Wong, MSL  
08:25:31 Rep. Pope  
08:25:49 Director Wong, MSL  
08:26:29 Rep. Pope  
08:26:39 Director Wong, MSL  
08:26:49 Chair Noland  
08:27:14 Rep. Lynch  
08:27:48 Rep. Curdy  
08:28:30 Angela Nunn, DOJ  
08:31:12 Vice Chair Ricci  
08:31:27 Rep. Lynch  
08:31:37 Rep. Loge  
08:31:59 Rep. Lynch

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

08:33:00 Rep. Lynch  
  
08:34:02 Chair Noland ceded the gavel to Vice Chair Ricci.

**HEARING ON HB 731**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:34:27 Rep. Mark Noland (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 731, Revise credit union laws regarding oversight of top officers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:36:22 Melanie Hall, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions  
08:40:01 Donya Parrish, Montana's Credit Unions

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:42:34 Rep. Vinton  
08:43:10 Melanie Hall, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions  
08:43:54 Rep. Vinton  
08:44:05 Melanie Hall, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:44:22 Rep. Noland

08:45:20 Chair Noland resumed the gavel.

**HEARING ON HB 729**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:45:38 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 729, Requiring alternative payment method for certain medicaid prescription drugs.

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a04\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

08:51:50 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:52:20 Rep. Duram  
08:52:42 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
08:53:12 Rep. Duram  
08:53:29 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
08:54:33 Rep. Duram  
08:54:43 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
08:54:52 Vice Chair Ricci  
08:55:23 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
08:55:43 Rep. Olsen joined the meeting.

08:56:17 Vice Chair Ricci  
08:56:27 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
08:57:04 Rep. Pope  
08:57:51 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
08:59:02 Rep. Pope  
08:59:36 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
09:00:06 Rep. Sullivan  
09:00:27 Marie Matthews, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:00:40 Rep. Winter

**HEARING ON HB 732**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:04:23 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 732, Provide workers' compensation premium offset in certain learning programs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:05:01 Rep. Schreiner, HD 26  
09:09:29 David Smith, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)  
09:11:14 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
09:14:43 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers Association (MWWDA), Helena Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:17:13 Mark Cadwallader, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
09:17:38 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:17:58 Rep. Funk  
09:18:35 Rep. Schreiner, HD 26  
09:19:31 Rep. Grubbs  
09:20:04 Mark Cadwallader, DLI  
09:20:09 Rep. Grubbs  
09:20:25 Mark Cadwallader, DLI  
09:21:24 Rep. Grubbs  
09:21:48 Mark Cadwallader, DLI  
09:22:22 Rep. Grubbs  
09:22:27 Chair Noland  
09:22:37 Mark Cadwallader, DLI  
09:22:41 Rep. Grubbs  
09:22:51 Rep. Pierson  
09:23:09 Rep. Schreiner, HD 26  
09:23:50 Rep. Duram  
09:24:19 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:25:25 Rep. Curdy  
09:25:49 Kevin Braun, MSF

09:25:55 Rep. Curdy  
09:26:00 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:26:06 Rep. Curdy  
09:26:53 Cary Hegreberg, MCC  
09:27:35 Rep. Curdy  
09:27:57 Chair Noland  
09:28:09 Rep. Vinton  
09:28:46 Kevin Braun, MSF  
09:28:53 Vice Chair Ricci  
09:29:23 Rep. Schreiner, HD 26  
09:30:44 Rep. Buttrey  
09:31:16 Rep. Schreiner, HD 26  
09:32:04 Rep. Buttrey  
09:32:19 Rep. Funk  
09:32:48 Kevin Braun, MSF

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:33:24 Rep. Harvey

**HEARING ON HB 751**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:34:40 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 751, Generally revise licensure of plumbers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:36:59 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:38:07 Rep. Vinton  
09:38:46 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters  
09:39:10 Rep. Buttrey  
09:39:31 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters  
09:40:06 Rep. Buttrey  
09:40:18 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters  
09:41:21 Vice Chair Ricci  
09:41:32 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters  
09:41:46 Vice Chair Ricci  
09:42:01 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:42:12 Rep. Curdy

**HEARING ON HB 727****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:44:15 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 727, Generally revise alcohol and gaming licensing laws.

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a06\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:55:08 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a07\)](#)

09:58:16 Chair Noland

09:58:32 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

09:59:24 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:00:10 David Loseff, Baxter Hotel

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a08\)](#)

10:03:46 Joe Rice, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US (VFW)

10:06:47 Lauren Silano, Neptune's Brewery

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a09\)](#)

10:11:11 Cory Lawrence, The Etha Hotel LLC

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a10\)](#)

10:15:20 Michael Delaney, Ferguson Farm

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a11\)](#)

10:20:48 Issac Taylor, Three Black Labs LLC

10:22:09 Joesph Romano, Self

10:24:26 Lauren Cummings, HomeBase Montana

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a12\)](#)

10:26:49 Michael Lawlor, Self

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a13\)](#)

10:33:17 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MtRA)

10:34:06 Albert McDonald, Mint Bar and Cafe

10:37:12 Tom Johnson, Veterans of Foreign Wars Montana (VFW)

**Informational Testimony:**

10:40:28 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

10:41:15 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:42:02 Rep. Pope

10:42:20 John Iverson, MTA

10:42:25 Rep. Pope

10:43:18 John Iverson, MTA  
10:45:16 Rep. Pope  
10:45:40 Chair Noland  
10:45:44 John Iverson, MTA  
10:45:58 Rep. Pope  
10:46:39 Rep. Buttrey  
10:47:20 Rep. Pope  
10:47:50 Rep. Buttrey  
10:48:06 Rep. Vinton  
10:48:33 Rep. Buttrey  
10:49:00 Vice Chair Ricci  
10:49:18 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:49:37 Vice Chair Ricci  
10:49:56 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:50:20 Chair Noland

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:51:00 Rep. Buttrey

**Committee Business:**

10:56:14 Chair Noland  
10:57:29 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a16\)](#)

10:59:13 Rep. Olsen  
10:59:48 Pat Murdo, LSD  
10:59:55 Chair Noland

11:00:36 Recessed  
11:31:08 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 727**

11:31:59 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 727 DO PASS.**

11:32:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 727 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**(See Exhibit 6)**

11:32:53 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 727 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:33:01 Rep. Duram  
11:33:53 Rep. Pope

11:34:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Stewart Perego voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 729**

11:35:50 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 729 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:36:08 Rep. Sullivan

11:36:37 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram made a substitute motion that **HB 729 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Pope, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 731**

11:38:26 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 731 DO PASS.**

11:38:41 **Motion:** Rep. Noland moved that **HB 731 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(buh62a17)**

**Discussion:**

11:39:00 Chair Noland

11:39:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:39:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 731 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 732**

11:40:16 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 732 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:40:33 Rep. Vinton

11:41:17 Rep. Harvey

11:41:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram and Rep. Noland voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 751**

11:43:31 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 751 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:43:45 Rep. Curdy

11:44:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Noland and Rep. Ricci voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 515**

11:46:03 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 515 DO PASS.**

11:46:17 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 515 BE AMENDED.**  
**(See Exhibit 14)**

11:46:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:46:48 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 515 BE AMENDED.**  
**(See Exhibit 15)**

**Discussion:**

11:47:02 Pat Murdo, LSD

11:47:51 Rep. Duram

11:48:14 Pat Murdo, LSD

11:49:16 Rep. Buttrey

11:49:52 Without objection, Rep. Ricci withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

11:50:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **ITEMS 3 AND 6 BE SEGREGATED FROM HB051503.APM.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**[EXHIBIT\(buh62a18\)](#)**

11:50:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 515 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 613**

11:51:35 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 613 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:51:59 Rep. Olsen

11:54:46 Rep. Vinton

11:56:20 Rep. Pope

11:57:10 Rep. Duram

11:57:40 Rep. Loge

11:57:52 Rep. Gunderson

11:58:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Noland, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no.

11:59:27 Chair Noland

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:59:43

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh62aad.pdf](#))