

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on April 5, 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. 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. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (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: SB 325, 4/2/2019; SB 330, 4/2/2019; SB 351,4/2/2019; SB 358, 4/2/2019

08:32:47 Chair Noland

HEARING ON SB 330

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:34:52 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 330, Authorize sports gambling act.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:37:16 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)
08:48:38 Travis Woltermann, Golden Entertainment, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)
08:50:05 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
08:53:25 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

Committee Business:

08:56:05 Rep. Curdy
08:56:18 Rep. Harvey
08:56:33 Rep. Curdy
08:56:41 Sen. Blasdel
08:57:30 Chair Noland
08:57:38 Sen. Blasdel
08:57:58 Chair Noland

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:58:39 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)
08:59:36 Chair Noland
08:59:40 Angela Nunn, DOJ
08:59:51 Brad Longcake, Montana Council On Problem Gambling (MCPG)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:00:59 Rep. Curdy
09:01:32 Rep. Funk joined the meeting.
09:01:57 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:03:40 Rep. Curdy
09:04:16 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:05:28 Rep. Curdy
09:05:33 Chair Noland
09:05:46 Rep. Curdy
09:05:55 Vice Chair Ricci
09:06:24 John Iverson, MTA
09:06:36 Vice Chair Ricci
09:06:47 John Iverson, MTA
09:07:18 Vice Chair Ricci
09:07:29 John Iverson, MTA
09:07:49 Vice Chair Ricci
09:08:08 Brad Longcake, MCPG

09:08:46 Rep. Loge
09:09:21 Sen. Blasdel
09:11:05 Chair Noland
09:11:32 Brad Longcake, MCPG
09:12:30 Rep. Vinton
09:12:57 Sen. Blasdel
09:13:50 Rep. Krautter
09:14:49 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:16:24 Rep. Krautter
09:16:36 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:16:57 Rep. Pope
09:17:44 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:19:27 Rep. Harvey
09:20:06 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA
09:21:13 Rep. Olsen
09:21:37 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:22:01 Rep. Olsen
09:22:09 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:22:23 Rep. Olsen
09:23:10 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA
09:25:19 Rep. Olsen
09:25:48 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA
09:26:30 Rep. Curdy
09:27:24 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.
09:27:35 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:27:48 Rep. Curdy
09:28:34 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:30:57 Vice Chair Ricci
09:31:46 John Iverson, MTA
09:33:50 Rep. Krautter
09:34:24 Angela Nunn, DOJ
09:35:44 Chair Noland
09:35:55 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:38:34 Sen. Blasdel

09:40:41 Chair Noland ceded the gavel to Vice Chair Ricci.

HEARING ON SB 351

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:40:54 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 351, Revise State Fund board composition and term requirements.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:43:25 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:43:45 Rep. Olsen
09:44:15 Sen. Ellsworth
09:45:44 Rep. Olsen
09:45:54 Sen. Ellsworth
09:47:05 Rep. Olsen
09:47:13 Kevin Braun, MSF
09:47:49 Chair Ricci
09:48:00 Sen. Ellsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

09:48:12 Sen. Ellsworth

HEARING ON SB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:49:36 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 325, Create the Montana Business Corporation Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:53:20 Kristen Juras, Montana State Bar (MTSB)

[EXHIBIT\(buh71a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh71a02\)](#)

10:01:25 Vincent Kalafat, Montana State Bar (MTSB)

[EXHIBIT\(buh71a03\)](#)

10:03:59 Joe DeFilippis, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:05:34 Rep. Noland
10:05:49 Rep. Duram
10:06:12 Sen. Fitzpatrick
10:07:39 Rep. Duram
10:08:03 Sen. Fitzpatrick
10:08:24 Rep. Sullivan
10:09:26 Vincent Kalafat, MTSB
10:10:20 Rep. Sullivan
10:10:32 Vincent Kalafat, MTSB

Closing by Sponsor:

10:11:06 Sen. Fitzpatrick

10:14:22 Recessed
10:26:56 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:27:17 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 358, Revise resort area alcoholic beverage license laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:29:54 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
10:32:48 Bob Miller, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana (LSOAM)
10:34:23 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA).
10:35:34 Mark Taylor, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:36:49 Ileana Indreland, Self

[EXHIBIT\(buh71a04\)](#)

10:40:03 Michael DeLaney, Self

[EXHIBIT\(buh71a05\)](#)

10:48:05 Michael Lawlor, Self

[EXHIBIT\(buh71a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

10:52:03 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:52:52 Rep. Loge
10:53:17 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:53:33 Rep. Loge
10:53:44 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:54:16 Rep. Grubbs
10:54:36 Sen. Gauthier
10:55:03 John Iverson, MTA
10:55:42 Rep. Grubbs
10:55:49 John Iverson, MTA
10:56:11 Rep. Curdy
10:56:31 Mark Taylor, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

10:57:11 Sen. Gauthier

Committee Business:

10:58:14 Rep. Loge
10:58:20 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

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10:59:17

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh71aad.pdf](#))