

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 17, 2019 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, 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 25, 1/8/2019; SB 63, 1/8/2019

Executive Action: SB 15 - Tabled

08:01:24 Chair Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 15

08:02:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 15 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(bus09a01)

08:02:39 Chair Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:17 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 25, Generally revise gambling laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:04:57 Angela Nunn, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

EXHIBIT(bus09a02)

08:09:27 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana

08:10:12 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

08:12:06 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:12:36 Sen. Brown
08:13:03 Sen. Blasdel
08:13:14 Sen. Ellsworth
08:13:39 Sen. Blasdel redirect
08:13:54 Mr. Iverson, MTA
08:14:24 Sen. Malek
08:14:47 Ms. Nunn, DOJ
08:15:29 Sen. Malek
08:15:41 Ms. Nunn
08:15:47 Sen. Brown
08:16:26 Ms. Nunn
08:17:22 Sen. Boland
08:17:46 Ms. Nunn
08:18:16 Sen. Gauthier
08:18:31 Ms. Nunn

Closing by Sponsor:

08:19:18 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:19:42 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 63, Revise licensing, other regulations for Board of Funeral Service.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:21:51 John Tarr, chairman, Montana Funeral Services Board

08:22:19 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT\(bus09a03\)](#)

08:25:53 Jim Brown, Montana Funeral Director's Association (MFDA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:28:57 Sen. Brown

08:29:52 Mr. Brown, MFDA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:32:03 Sen. Sands

08:32:27 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:32 AM

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus09aad.pdf](#))