

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 22, 2019 at 8:30 A.M., 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. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 58, 1/17/2019; SB 94, 1/17/2019; SB 119, 1/17/2019

Executive Action: SB 54 Do Pass As Amended; SB 74 Do Pass; SB 77 Do Pass;
SB 83 Do Pass

08:30:47 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:31:51 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 58. Revise the Montana Bank Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:32:59 Melanie Hall, commissioner, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions, Department of Administration (DOA)

08:48:39 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association; also speaking for Jim Brown, Montana Independent Bankers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:50:15 Sen. Brown

08:54:51 Ms. Hall, DOA

08:55:00 Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

08:55:37 Sen. Malek

08:58:27 Ms. Hall

08:59:19 Sen. Ellsworth

09:04:20 Ms. Hall

09:05:40 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:15:36 Ms. Hall

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:24 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:18:03 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 119. Allow access control systems for alcohol and gambling licensees.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:19:42 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

09:24:39 Mayme Folio, casino representative

09:30:31 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association

09:32:40 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

Opponents' Testimony:

09:34:15 Jerry Williams, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

Informational Testimony:

09:35:05 Becky Schlauch, administrator, Department of Revenue (DOR)
09:35:38 Angela Nunn, administrator, Department of Justice, Gambling Control Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:36:01 Sen. Brown
09:36:25 Sen. Blasel
09:36:49 Sen. Brown
09:36:53 Ms. Schlauch, DOR
09:37:15 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:38:45 Mr. Peterson, GIA
09:39:48 Sen. Ellsworth
09:40:39 Mr. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

09:40:49 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:42:07 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 94. Provide signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses.

[**EXHIBIT\(bus12a01\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:44:46 Vicki Byrd, chief executive officer, Montana Nurses Association

[**EXHIBIT\(bus12a02\)**](#)

09:47:49 Mike Batista, AARP Montana

[**EXHIBIT\(bus12a03\)**](#)

09:51:11 Heather O'Hara, vice president, Montana Hospital Association

09:51:42 Missy Poortenga, executive officer, Montana Board of Nursing

Opponents' Testimony:

09:52:12 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:01:52 Sen. Brown
10:03:53 Ms. Branscum, MMA
10:04:43 Sen. Ellsworth
10:06:12 Ms. Branscum
10:07:30 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:07:41 Ms. Byrd, MNA
10:10:03 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:11:06 Ms. Branscum

Closing by Sponsor:

10:13:39 Sen. Gauthier

10:15:23 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:15:43 Recess

10:30:05 Reconvene

Sen. Ellsworth was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 54

10:30:11 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 54 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** (Bill was amended on 1/18/2019)

Discussion:

10:30:22 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:30:31 Sen. Boland

10:31:05 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:31:39 Sen. Brown

10:32:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 74

10:32:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 74 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 77

10:33:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 77 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 83

10:34:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 83 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

10:35:04 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:35:07 Mr. Walker, LSD

10:35:42 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:36 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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