

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 25, 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. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division

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 120, 1/17/2019; SB 121, 1/17/2019; SB 157, 1/17/2019

08:29:59 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 157

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:30:53 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 157. Generally revise dental auxiliary laws.

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:32:53 Al Garver, executive director, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

08:35:48 Kevin Rencher, board certified pediatric dentist

08:41:14 Jane Gillette, dentist

08:46:36 Clancy Casey, president, Montana Dental Hygienist's Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a03\)](#)

08:48:43 Jason Tanguay, vice president, MDA

08:50:09 Britney Chase, certified dental assistant, MDA

08:50:38 Brandi Wilkinson, dental hygienist, MDA

08:51:29 Kirsten Peterson, certified dental assistant, MDA

08:53:35 Nate Stevenson, pediatric dentist, MDA

08:56:04 Jill Steeley, CEO, PureView Health Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:58:30 Sen. Brown

08:59:18 Mr. Garver, MDA

08:59:56 Sen. Brown

09:04:34 Ms. Gillette, dentist

09:05:49 Sen. Boland

09:07:17 Mr. Garver

09:08:05 Sen. Ellsworth

09:09:08 Ms. Wilkinson, MDA

09:09:47 Sen. Gauthier

09:09:53 Mr. Rencher, dentist

09:10:58 Sen. Boland

09:12:41 Mr. Rencher

09:12:49 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:13:35 Mr. Rencher

09:14:15 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:14:37 Ms. Gillette

Closing by Sponsor:

09:15:27 Sen. Olszewski

09:16:48 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:17:58 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 120. Limiting restaurant distribution of plastic straws unless requested.

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:21:42 Malcolm Gilbert, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a05\)](#)

09:25:01 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

09:27:52 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group

09:29:01 Whitney Tawney, program director, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

09:32:23 Janet Hess-Herbert, Helena

09:34:58 Christine Weaver, Clancy

09:35:42 Joanne Thun, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

09:36:54 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association

09:38:59 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

09:40:08 Summer Gauthier, owner, McDonald's, Helena

09:42:56 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses

09:44:31 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:47:46 Sen. Brown

09:50:37 Sen. Malek

09:50:59 Sen. Brown

09:51:48 Mr. Gilbert, MEIC

09:52:22 Sen. Smith

09:52:54 Ms. Tawney, MCV

09:53:36 Sen. Gauthier

09:54:49 Mr. Smith, Audubon

09:55:17 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:56:32 Sen. Malek

09:57:46 Sen. Ellsworth

09:58:22 Sen. Malek

Closing by Sponsor:

09:59:56 Sen. Malek

10:00:01 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 121

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:00:27 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 121. Establish a fee for disposable carryout bags.

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

10:09:47 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group

10:14:02 Joanne Thun, Helena

10:16:14 Christine Weaver, Clancy

10:18:35 Malcolm Gilbert, Montana Environmental Information Center

10:20:51 Whitney Tawney, Montana Conservation Voters

10:24:20 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

10:25:46 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

10:28:10 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

10:30:19 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses

Written testimony was received from the American Forest & Paper Association.

[EXHIBIT\(bus15a09\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:32:00 Sen. Brown

10:34:28 Sen. Malek

10:35:16 Sen. Ellsworth

10:41:51 Sen. Malek

10:42:31 Sen. Gauthier

10:43:09 Sen. Malek

10:43:43 Sen. Smith

10:45:08 Sen. Malek

Closing by Sponsor:

10:45:51 Sen. Malek

10:48:10 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Committee Business:

10:48:32 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:48:59 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:40 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus15aad.pdf](#))