

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on March 8, 2019 at 8:30 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 D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)

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: HB 320, 2/26/2019; HB 368, 2/26/2019; SR 33, 2/26/2019; SR 37,
2/26/2019

08:30:38 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 320

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:31:43 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 320. Generally revise laws related to tax-advantaged savings plans.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:36:41 Sen. Brown
08:41:39 Rep. Mercer
08:42:17 Sen. Brown
08:42:21 Chairman Fitzpatrick
08:42:46 Sen. Malek
08:44:22 Rep. Mercer
08:45:13 Chairman Fitzpatrick
08:45:30 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

08:47:48 Rep. Mercer

08:47:59 Chairman Fitzpatrick
08:48:05 Chairman Fitzpatrick passed the duties of the chair to Vice Chair Brown.

08:48:18 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:48:23 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 33. Confirm Governor's appointees to the unemployment insurance appeals board.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:50:32 Bob Murdo, appointee
08:51:21 Bruce Campbell, appointee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:51:53 Sen. Boland
08:53:51 Mr. Campbell, appointee

08:54:22 Sen. Malek
08:54:55 Mr. Murdo, appointee
08:56:36 Chair Brown
08:56:48 Mr. Murdo

Closing by Sponsor:

08:57:38 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:57:45 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:58:10 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 37. Confirm Governor's appointee to State Banking Board.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:59:38 Chair Brown
08:59:57 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

09:00:21 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:00:33 Chair Brown
09:00:35 Chair Brown passed the duties of the chair to Sen. Fitzpatrick.

09:00:45 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:00:36 Recess
09:07:30 Reconvened

09:07:05 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 368

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:07:41 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 368. Allow dice games to be played by patrons.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:09:16 Sen. John Sesso, SD 37

Opponents' Testimony:

09:11:06 Angela Nunn, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice
(DOJ)

09:16:03 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(bus47a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:18:19 Brad Longcake, executive director, Montana Council on Problem Gambling

[EXHIBIT\(bus47a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:19:21 Sen. Brown

09:19:54 Ms. Nunn, DOJ

09:20:14 Sen. Brown

09:21:31 Rep. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

09:21:40 Rep. Lynch

09:24:20 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Committee Business:

09:24:40 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:25:00 Sen. Brown

09:25:07 Mr. Walker, LSD

09:25:30 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:25:30

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus47aad.pdf](#))