

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on March 22, 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 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: HB 578, 3/15/2019; HB 579, 3/15/2019

Executive Action: SB 325, Do Pass as Amended
SB 330, Do Pass as Amended
SB 335, Do Pass
SB 327, Tabled
SR 43, Be Adopted

08:31:45 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 579

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:32:59 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 579. Revise laws relating to gambling & player information.

[EXHIBIT\(bus59a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:38:40 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

[EXHIBIT\(bus59a02\)](#)

08:41:19 Mike Lamphier, casino operator, Lewistown

[EXHIBIT\(bus59a03\)](#)

08:42:23 John Gies, owner, Lucky Seven Casino, Billings

08:43:44 Jerry Greybill, owner, casinos and sports bar, Billings

08:45:10 Kurt Shull, owner, Bay Bar Grill, Bozeman

08:46:25 Jason Blackford, independent operator, Rio Grande Casino, Billings

08:47:22 Keri Reisinger, casino operator

08:47:59 Clint Lohman, soft-ware system designer, Rewards LLC

Opponents' Testimony:

08:50:06 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

08:57:17 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus59a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:02:18 Matt Eckdahl, technical services, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:02:44 Sen. Brown

09:04:50 Rep. Buttrey

09:05:04 Sen. Brown

09:06:05 Mr. Greybill, Billings

09:06:58 Sen. Brown

09:07:37 Mr. Lohman, Rewards LLC

09:07:58 Sen. Small

09:08:14 Rep. Buttrey

09:10:27 Sen. Ellsworth

09:11:03 Rep. Buttrey

09:11:39 Sen. Ellsworth

09:12:58 Mr. Lohman

09:13:09 Sen. Smith

09:13:40 Mr. Peterson, GIA

09:14:05 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:18:38 Mr. Iverson, MTA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:22:25 Rep. Buttrey

09:22:33 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 578

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:23:32 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 578. Allow surplus lines insurance to cover certain disability situations.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:25:40 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance Advisors (NAIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:26:53 Jeannie Keller, Insurance Bureau chief, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:27:51 Sen. Brown

09:28:23 Rep. Buttrey

09:29:01 Sen. Malek

09:29:05 Mr. Warden, NAIA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:29:28 Rep. Buttrey

09:30:31 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Committee Business:

09:30:47 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:32:31 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:33:39 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:33:40 Recess

09:51:07 Reconvene

09:51:05 Chairman Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 43

09:51:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 43 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Vance voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 325

09:52:08 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 325 DO PASS**.

09:52:20 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 325 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus59a05)

Discussion:

09:52:27 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
EXHIBIT(bus59a06)

09:53:00 Sen. Boland
09:53:40 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:53:41 Sen. Brown
09:53:55 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:57:54 Sen. Boland
09:58:02 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:59:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:59:28 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 325 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:59:40 Sen. Boland
10:00:31 Sen. Brown
10:00:49 Sen. Vuckovich
10:01:04 Sen. Malek

10:01:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Vance voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 327

10:01:48 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 327 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:02:08 Sen. Malek
10:02:27 Sen. Brown
10:02:50 Sen. Boland

10:03:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Malek, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye.

10:04:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 327 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Boland and Sen. Malek voting no.

10:05:38 Sen. Vuckovich
10:05:42 Chairman Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 330

10:05:46 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 330 DO PASS.**

10:06:06 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 330 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus59a07)

Discussion:

10:06:33 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:16:05 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:16:10 Sen. Malek
10:16:27 Mr. Walker, LSD
10:16:51 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:17:03 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)
10:17:27 Sen. Malek
10:17:47 Ms. Wiggers, MCMOA
10:17:53 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:17:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:18:05 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 330 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus59a08)

Discussion:

10:18:31 Sen. Brown
10:18:52 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:18:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Vance voting no.

10:19:51 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 330 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:20:16 Sen. Brown
10:21:44 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:21:48 Sen. Ellsworth
10:22:43 Sen. Malek
10:24:14 Sen. Boland
10:24:34 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:24:51 Sen. Brown

10:25:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown and Sen. Malek voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 335

10:26:22 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 335 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:26:43 Sen. Boland

10:27:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:27:21 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Committee Business:

10:28:12 Sen. Ellsworth

10:28:21 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:29:12 Sen. Brown
10:29:15 Sen. Vance
10:29:18 Sen. Malek
10:29:26 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:29:48 Sen. Malek
10:29:56 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:30:07 Sen. Brown
10:30:27 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:30:29 Mr. Walker
10:30:47 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:30:54 Sen. Brown
10:31:10 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:31 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus59aad.pdf](#))