

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Dee Brown, on April 10, 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. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 475, 3/29/2019; HB 725, 4/1/2019; HB 732, 4/2/2019

Executive Action: HB 757, Be Concurred In
HB 515, HB 720, Tabled

08:30:42 Chair Brown

HEARING ON HB 475

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:31:35 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 475. Allow parimutuel sports betting under the board of horseracing.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:34:28 Taylor Alonzo, Montana Simulcast Racing (MSR)

08:38:43 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:39:00 Angela Nunn, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:39:56 Sen. Ellsworth

08:41:52 Mr. Alonzo, MSR

08:42:05 Chair Brown

08:42:18 Mr. Alonzo

08:42:44 Sen. Ellsworth

08:44:30 Mr. Alonzo

08:45:03 Sen. Malek

08:46:53 Mr. Alonzo

08:47:48 Sen. Malek

08:47:54 Ms. Nunn, DOJ

08:48:15 Chair Brown

08:49:09 Ms. Nunn

08:49:24 Chair Brown

08:51:21 Mr. Alonzo

Closing by Sponsor:

08:51:35 Rep. Tschida

08:52:17 Chair Brown

HEARING ON HB 725

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:52:33 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 725. Allow sports wagering through the state lottery.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:54:41 Angela Wong, director, Montana State Lottery, Department of Administration (DOA)

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09:01:37 Scott Hoss, Intralot
 09:03:01 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:07:29 Brad Longcake, executive director, Montana Council on Problem Gambling (MCPG)
 09:08:44 Angela Nunn, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:09:13 Sen. Ellsworth
 09:15:22 Ms. Wong, DOA
 09:16:03 Chair Brown
 09:17:46 Ms. Wong
 09:19:00 Sen. Malek
 09:21:23 Mr. Longcake, MCPG
 09:22:16 Chair Brown
 09:23:44 Mr. Longcake
 09:24:40 Chair Brown
 09:27:54 Rep. Lynch
 09:28:17 Sen. Ellsworth
 09:30:35 Mr. Hoss, Intralot
 09:31:15 Sen. Ellsworth
 09:32:20 Mr. Longcake
 09:32:47 Chair Brown
 09:33:40 Ms. Wong

Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

09:35:22 Rep. Lynch
 09:38:17 Chair Brown
 09:38:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the role of Chair.

HEARING ON HB 732

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:38:37 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 732. Provide workers' compensation premium offset in certain learning programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:40:52 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 09:43:20 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:43:59 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund
09:44:09 Eric Strauss, administrator, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:44:39 Sen. Brown
09:45:07 Mr. Braun, MSF redirect
09:45:12 Sen. Brown
09:45:15 Mr. Strauss, DLI redirect
09:45:29 Scott Eychner, administrator, Work Force Division, Department of Labor and Industry
09:46:15 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:46:22 Mr. Braun
09:47:06 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:47:10 Mr. Strauss
09:48:28 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:50:32 Rep. Schreiner
09:52:01 Sen. Ellsworth
09:53:58 Mr. Strauss
09:54:11 Sen. Ellsworth
09:55:23 Rep. Schreiner
09:58:49 Sen. Brown
09:59:26 Rep. Schreiner
10:00:17 Sen. Brown
10:01:01 Mr. Strauss
10:01:44 Sen. Boland
10:04:47 Rep. Schreiner

Closing by Sponsor:

10:06:20 Rep. Schreiner
10:08:29 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Committee Business:

10:08:45 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:09:28 Recess
10:20:00 Reconvene

Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Small were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 515

10:20:23 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 515 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:20:38 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 515 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

- 10:20:59 Sen. Malek
- 10:21:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Small voted by proxy.
- 10:21:50 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 515 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 10:22:03 Sen. Vance
- 10:23:12 Sen. Malek
- 10:23:45 Sen. Vance
- 10:24:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland and Sen. Malek voting aye. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Small voted by proxy.
- 10:25:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 515 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Small voted by proxy.

Discussion:

- 10:25:59 Sen. Malek
- 10:26:04 Chairman Fitzpatrick
- 10:26:19 Sen. Vance
- 10:26:41 Chairman Fitzpatrick
- 10:26:47 Sen. Boland
- 10:27:05 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 10:27:28 Chairman Fitzpatrick
- 10:27:54 Sen. Boland
- 10:28:09 Mr. Walker, LSD

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 720

- 10:28:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 720 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Small voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 757

- 10:29:51 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 757 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

- 10:30:11 Sen. Boland
- 10:30:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Small voted by proxy. Sen. Boland will carry the bill.

Discussion:

- 10:30:43 Chairman Fitzpatrick
- 10:31:11 Sen. Brown
- 10:31:54 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:31 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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