

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 26, 2021 at 08:30 AM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch
Cara Grewell, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 180, 1/21/2021; HB 193, 1/21/2021; HB 195, 1/21/2021; HB
210, 1/21/2021
Executive Action: HB 151, SB 65

08:34:26 Vice Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:35:45 Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 193, Allow unlimited winnings for sports boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:40:09 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

08:41:37 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

08:42:51 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

08:43:39 Vice Chair Sullivan joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:44:15 Rep. Gist

08:44:42 Neil Peterson, GIA

08:45:44 Rep. Galloway

08:47:16 Neil Peterson, GIA

08:47:41 Rep. Curdy

08:48:36 Rep. Patelis

08:49:31 Rep. Curdy

08:49:46 Chair Noland

08:49:55 Rep. Patelis

08:50:05 Vice Chair Buttrey

08:50:42 Rep. Patelis

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Patelis

HEARING ON HB 195

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:53:22 Rep. Vince Ricci (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 195, Revise insurance claims history information relating to property insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:55:18 Bob Biskupiak, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)

EXHIBIT(buh17a01)

08:59:23 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAM)

09:00:16 Angela Klein-Hughes, self

Opponents' Testimony:

09:02:07 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:11:00 Rep. Marshall
09:11:33 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
09:12:20 Rep. Marshall
09:12:33 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
09:12:43 Rep. Gist
09:15:17 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
09:16:05 Rep. Loge
09:17:12 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
09:18:33 Rep. Galloway
09:25:06 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:25:12 Chair Noland
09:25:19 Bruce Spencer, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)
09:25:29 Chair Noland
09:25:47 Bruce Spencer, NAMIC
09:28:56 Rep. Olsen
09:31:12 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:31:55 Rep. Olsen
09:32:30 Rep. Galloway
09:34:23 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:34:47 Chair Noland
09:34:54 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:36:06 Rep. Galloway
09:36:58 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Closing by Sponsor:

09:37:31 Rep. Ricci

09:38:12 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 180**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:42:18 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 180, Generally revise board of plumbing laws.

[EXHIBIT\(buh17a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:44:02 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
09:44:49 Scott Lemert, Board of Plumbers
09:47:33 Jeff Sealey, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:48:39 Chair Noland

09:49:08 Rep. Curdy

Closing by Sponsor:

09:50:57 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 210

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:51:32 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 210, Provide for licensure of speech-language pathology and audiology assistants.

[EXHIBIT\(buh17a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:54:34 Shelby Midboe, Montana Speech-Language Hearing Association (MSHA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh17a04\)](#)

09:57:16 Rachel Stansberry, Montana Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

[EXHIBIT\(buh17a05\)](#)

10:00:01 Julie Wolter, The School of Speech, Language, Hearing and Occupational Sciences, University of Montana

10:05:27 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language and Hearing Association (MSHA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh17a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:09:57 Cindi Hamilton, self

Informational Testimony:

10:13:49 Lucy Richards, Department of Labor and Industry, Montana Board of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(buh17a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:14:34 Rep. Novak

10:15:40 Julie Wolter, University of Montana

10:16:36 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:17:16 Julie Wolter, University of Montana

10:19:13 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:22:33 Abigail St. Lawrence, MSHA

10:23:08 Rep. Gist

10:23:33 Julie Wolter, University of Montana

10:24:45 Rep. Marshall left the meeting.

10:25:12 Rep. Gist

10:25:26 Julie Wolter, University of Montana
10:26:08 Rep. Galloway
10:26:46 Julie Wolter, University of Montana
10:27:07 Abigail St. Lawrence, MSHA
10:28:38 Rep. Galloway
10:30:58 Abigail St. Lawrence, MSHA
10:32:48 Rep. Novak
10:33:35 Lucy Richards, DLI
10:34:36 Rep. Novak
10:34:53 Lucy Richards, DLI
10:35:08 Chair Noland
10:36:00 Julie Wolter, University of Montana
10:36:38 Lucy Richards, DLI
10:37:01 Chair Noland
10:37:37 Cindi Hamilton, self
10:38:19 Chair Noland
10:38:24 Cindi Hamilton, self
10:38:59 Rep. Galloway
10:42:33 Abigail St. Lawrence, MSHA

Closing by Sponsor:

10:43:00 Rep. Funk

10:44:26 Chair Noland
10:45:03 Rep. Olsen
10:46:00 Chair Noland
10:46:40 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:48:38 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:48:49 Chair Noland
10:49:13 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:49:48 Rep. Olsen
10:50:56 Vice Chair Buttrey
10:51:48 Jameson Walker, LSD
10:55:32 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:55:46 Jameson Walker, LSD
10:56:04 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:56:13 Jameson Walker, LSD
10:57:14 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:58:38 Recess
11:35:05 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 151

11:35:18 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 151 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:35:25 Vice Chair Buttrey
11:36:01 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:36:15 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **HB 151 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(buh17a08\)](#)

Discussion:

11:36:44 Rep. Olsen
11:44:47 Vice Chair Buttrey

11:45:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

11:47:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 151 DO PASS.** Motion carried 16-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 65

11:48:46 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 65 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:49:10 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 65 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(buh17a09\)](#)

Discussion:

11:49:15 Vice Chair Buttrey
11:51:28 Jameson Walker, LSD

11:52:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

11:53:30 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 5 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:53:49 Vice Chair Sullivan
11:54:08 Rep. Loge
11:54:22 Rep. Galloway
11:54:59 Rep. Marshall
11:55:28 Rep. Olsen
11:57:47 Chair Noland
11:58:57 Vice Chair Buttrey

11:59:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Funk and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy. Rep. Noland will carry the bill.

12:01:24 Vice Chair Buttrey
12:01:36 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:01:55

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh17aad.pdf](#))