

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 28, 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 197, 1/21/2021; HB 214, 1/21/2021; HB 217, 1/22/2021

08:33:00 Vice Chair Sullivan joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:33:27 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 214, Generally revise distribution of horse racing gambling fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:36:26 Tom Tucker, Montana Board of Horse Racing

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a01\)](#)

08:37:24 Dan Fuchs, Montana Racehorse Owners and Breeders Coalition (MROBC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:38:40 Chair Noland

08:39:54 Rep. Anderson

08:40:23 Tom Tucker, Montana Board of Horse Racing

08:41:31 Rep. Olsen

08:42:23 Rep. Anderson

08:43:03 Rep. Olsen

08:43:57 Rep. Anderson

08:44:23 Tom Tucker, Montana Board of Horse Racing

08:45:49 Rep. Curdy

08:46:35 Dan Fuchs, MROBC

08:47:09 Rep. Curdy

08:47:41 Dan Fuchs, MROBC

08:48:24 Rep. Curdy

08:49:18 Dan Fuchs, MROBC

08:50:28 Chair Noland

08:50:52 Dan Fuchs, MROBC

08:51:00 Rep. Olsen

08:52:04 Tom Tucker, Montana Board of Horse Racing

08:54:24 Chair Noland

Closing by Sponsor:

08:54:43 Rep. Anderson

HEARING ON HB 217

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:55:54 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 217, Provide for licensure of genetic counselors.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:58:27 Betsy Smith, Montana Genetic Counselors Association (MGCA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a02\)](#)

09:04:29 Becky Franks, Cancer Support Community Montana (CSC)

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a03\)](#)

09:09:19 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (SCL), Providence Health
Montana

09:10:33 Mark Sansaver, self

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a04\)](#)

09:13:34 Tiana Pallister, self

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a05\)](#)

09:21:34 Jack Hensold, self

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a06\)](#)

09:24:26 Rep. Novak left the meeting.

09:25:32 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:26:33 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity-Montana

09:30:12 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

09:33:52 Lauren Wilson, Montana Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (MTAAP),
Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Informational Testimony:

09:38:46 Todd Younkin, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:39:12 Rep. Gunderson

09:41:16 Betsy Smith, MGCA

09:41:52 Rep. Gist

09:42:25 Betsy Smith, MGCA

09:45:00 Rep. Gist

09:45:20 Greg Dorrington, MMA

09:45:48 Rep. Gist

09:46:15 Laura Wilson, MTAAP

09:47:17 Rep. Curdy

09:49:37 Betsy Smith, MGCA

09:51:01 Rep. Marshall

09:53:48 Betsy Smith, MGCA

09:54:47 Rep. Loge

09:56:55 Kali Wicks, BCBS

09:57:41 Rep. Duram

09:58:15 Kali Wicks, BCBS

09:58:31 Rep. Duram

09:59:28 Becky Franks, CSC

09:59:48 Rep. Gist

10:00:19 Betsy Smith, MGCA
10:01:44 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:02:37 Kali Wicks, BCBS
10:02:58 Rep. Galloway
10:07:36 Betsy Smith, MGCA
10:08:07 Rep. Marshall
10:09:11 Becky Franks, CSC
10:10:55 Rep. Duram
10:12:35 Betsy Smith, MGCA
10:13:12 Chair Noland
10:13:54 Jack Hensold, self

Closing by Sponsor:

10:15:17 Rep. Buttrey

10:18:35 Cara Grewell, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

HEARING ON HB 197

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:18:36 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 197, Generally revise laws related to gambling and player information.

10:22:04 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:25:35 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)
10:27:57 Rep. Novak joined the meeting.
10:30:32 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
10:31:15 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
10:33:24 Mike Lamphier, self

[EXHIBIT\(buh19a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:35:10 Andy Ritter, Gaming Control Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ)
10:35:35 Mike Fanning, Gaming Control Division of the Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:36:19 Rep. Galloway
10:38:30 Rep. Buttrey
10:39:25 Mike Fanning, DOJ
10:39:31 Rep. Galloway
10:42:08 Mike Fanning, DOJ
10:42:24 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:43:09 Rhonda Wiggers, MCMOA

Closing by Sponsor:

10:43:47 Rep. Buttrey

10:45:45 Chair Noland

10:49:12 Rep. Olsen

10:50:32 Vice Chair Sullivan

10:51:23 Chair Noland

10:51:35 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:51:45 Chair Noland

10:52:04 Vice Char Sullivan

10:52:08 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:52:15 Vice Chair Sullivan

10:52:26 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:53:46 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:54:09 Jameson Walker, LSD

10:54:21 Chair Noland

10:54:28 Jameson Walker, LSD

10:56:15 Chair Noland

10:56:24 Jameson Walker, LSD

10:56:44 Chair Noland

10:57:15 Vice Chair Sullivan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:57:31

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh19aad.pdf](#))