

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on February 2, 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. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)  
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. 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 232, 1/26/2021; HB 226, 1/26/2021; HB 249, 1/28/2021

**HEARING ON HB 249****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:31:59 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 249, Generally revise laws to regulate marijuana advertising.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:34:04 Melissa Lewis, Weedmaps  
[EXHIBIT\(buh22a01\)](#)

08:37:09 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MTCIA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:42:26 Coleen Smith, Youth Connections (YC)  
08:50:56 Erica Siate, self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:59:22 Rep. Marshall  
08:59:50 Melissa Lewis, Weedmaps  
09:00:16 Rep. Marshall  
09:01:15 Coleen Smith, YC  
09:01:24 Rep. Gist  
09:02:01 Melissa Lewis, Weedmaps  
09:02:25 Rep. Gist  
09:02:51 Coleen Smith, YC  
09:03:17 Rep. Marshall  
09:04:28 Erica Siate, self  
09:05:22 Rep. Olsen  
09:06:15 Melissa Lewis, Weedmaps

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:07:45 Rep. M. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 232****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:09:38 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 232, Revise Montana lottery laws relating to privacy.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:12:57 Mickey Lapp, self  
[EXHIBIT\(buh22a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:16:36 Rep. Duram  
09:17:05 Rep. Garner  
09:17:45 Rep. Loge  
09:18:00 Rep. Garner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:18:19 Rep. Garner

**HEARING ON HB 226****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:19:43 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 226, Generally revise alcohol laws to provide for curbside pickup.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:25:39 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a03\)](#)

09:28:52 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a05\)](#)

09:37:27 Roth Jordan, Montana Ale Works; Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

09:41:39 Matt Leow, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)

09:44:58 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

09:46:11 Jessie Luther, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

09:48:01 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

09:48:33 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity

09:50:25 Mike Markovich, Summit Beverage

[EXHIBIT\(buh22a06\)](#)

09:53:30 Jim Harris, Montana Distillers Guild

**Opponents' Testimony: None****Informational Testimony:**

09:55:30 Becky Schlauch, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:56:26 Carol Strizich, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:57:03 Rep. Duram

09:59:25 Carol Strizich, MDT

09:59:53 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:00:06 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.

10:00:22 Becky Schlauch, DOR

10:00:32 Rep. Novak

10:01:00 Rep. Zolnikov

10:01:24 Rep. Curdy

10:02:05 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:02:39 Rep. Olsen  
10:03:18 Kristi Blazer, MBWDA  
10:04:05 Rep. Olsen  
10:05:09 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:06:11 Rep. Gist  
10:06:58 Carol Strizich, MDT  
10:07:23 Rep. Duram  
10:08:24 John Iverson, MTA  
10:10:51 Rep. Marshall  
10:11:34 Rep. Zolnikov  
10:11:53 Rep. Marshall  
10:12:02 Rep. Zolnikov  
10:12:32 Chair Noland

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:13:53 Rep. Zolnikov  
  
10:14:46 Vice Chair Buttrey  
10:15:00 Chair Noland

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:15:57

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh22aad.pdf](#))