

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on February 10, 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. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (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)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)

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 228, 2/4/2021; HB 295, 2/4/2021

Executive Action: HB 139, HB 282, SB 90, SB 102

HEARING ON HB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:33:41 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 295, Allow licensed clinical social workers and therapists to treat chronic pain.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:35:23 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
EXHIBIT(buh28a01)

08:39:24 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
08:40:37 Jean Brancum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
08:42:13 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:43:42 Vice Chair Buttrey
08:44:20 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
08:45:41 Vice Chair Buttrey
08:46:19 Rep. Zolnikov
08:46:34 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
08:47:12 Chair Noland
08:48:31 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
08:49:31 Rep. Gist
08:49:51 Jean Brancum, MMA
08:50:12 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
08:50:36 Rep. Gist
08:51:09 Matt Kuntz, NAMI

Closing by Sponsor:

08:52:22 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 228

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:53:04 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 228, Establish family medical leave insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:57:53 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
EXHIBIT(buh28a02)

09:01:36 Rep. Buttrey assumed the Chair.
09:01:44 Adrian Cotton, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
09:04:08 Adam Hights, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
09:05:13 Jennifer Clouse, self

09:08:07 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.
09:08:29 Elisha Buchholz, Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN)
09:11:21 Mary Jennifer Allen, self
09:14:17 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
09:16:02 Jasmine Krotkov, self
09:17:42 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote
09:20:29 Rep. Noland assumed the Chair.
09:20:49 Keri Yoder, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS-CAN)
EXHIBIT(buh28a03)

09:23:50 Dani Vazquez, self
09:24:35 Jan Strout, National Organization of Women (NOW)
09:28:39 Ann Truesdell, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
09:30:25 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:31:28 Brian Thompson, Montana Chamber of Commerce
09:35:15 Rhonda Wiggers, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:42:01 Rep. Duram
09:43:58 Rep. Funk
09:45:06 Rep. Gist
09:46:07 Rep. Funk
09:46:18 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
09:47:20 Rep. Gist
09:49:49 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
09:49:57 Rep. Galloway joined the meeting.
09:50:47 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:51:21 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
09:52:45 Rep. Olsen
09:53:24 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
09:55:23 Rep. Curdy
09:57:03 Rep. Funk

Closing by Sponsor:

09:57:27 Rep. Funk

10:00:11 Chair Noland
10:02:07 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:02:57 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:03:35 Rep. Loge
10:03:40 Chair Noland

10:04:03 Recess
10:33:56 Reconvened with Rep. Funk, Rep. Fitzgerald and Rep. Whiteman Pena excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 139

10:34:16 **Motion:** Rep. Anderson moved that **HB 139 DO PASS.**

10:34:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 139 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(buh28a04)

10:36:08 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 139 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:36:21 Rep. Curdy

10:36:52 Rep. Olsen

10:39:11 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:40:00 Rep. Whiteman Pena joined the meeting.

10:40:29 Rep. Olsen

10:40:57 Rep. Duram

10:41:25 Rep. Galloway

10:41:48 Chair Noland

10:42:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Marshall voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 282

10:43:34 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 282 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:44:14 Rep. Curdy

10:45:14 Chair Noland

10:45:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Marshall voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 90

10:46:17 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 90 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:46:42 Jameson Walker, LSD

10:48:06 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:48:12 Jameson Walker, LSD

10:48:26 Rep. Galloway

10:48:20 Rep. Marshall joined the meeting.

10:49:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Funk and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy. Rep. Galloway will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 102

10:49:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 102 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Funk and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy. Rep. Buttrey will carry the bill.

10:50:52 Jameson Walker, LSD

10:52:47 Chair Noland

10:52:58 Rep. Marshall

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:53:16

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh28aad.pdf](#))