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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Gordon Vance, on March 12, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Chair (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary
Clara Bentler, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Erin Sullivan, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 195, 3/9/2021; HB 217, 3/9/2021; HB 226, 3/9/2021; SB 320, 3/9/2021

09:01:26 Chair Vance

HEARING ON HB 195

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:32 Rep. Vince Ricci (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 195, Revise insurance claims history information relating to property insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:03:17 Bob Biskupiak, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

09:06:43 Angela Klein-Hughes, Montana Association of Realtors

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:09:06 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:09:47 Sen Gillespie

09:10:53 Mr. VanHorssen, State Farm

Closing by Sponsor:

09:12:26 Rep. Ricci

HEARING ON HB 217

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:13:46 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 217, Provide for licensure of genetic counselors.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:16:12 Betsy Smith, Montana Association of Genetic Counselors (MAGC)

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a01\)](#)

09:21:20 Becky Franks, CEO, Cancer Support Community Montana

09:25:50 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association

09:27:18 Bill Warden, Billings Clinic

09:27:51 Frank Cote, Providence Health of Montana

09:28:51 Lauren Wilson, American Academy of Pediatrics

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a02\)](#)

09:29:35 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

09:30:26 Jack Hensold, physician

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a03\)](#)

09:33:37 Tiana Pallister, Montana Association of Genetic Counselors

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a04\)](#)

09:37:40 Mark Sansaver, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a05\)](#)

09:39:50 Corbin Schwanke, Shodair Children's Hospital

Opponents' Testimony:

09:41:53 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity of Montana

Informational Testimony:

09:44:00 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:45:00 Sen. Gillespie

09:45:30 Ms. Smith MAGC

09:47:06 Sen. Pope

09:48:18 Mr. Hensold, physician

Closing by Sponsor:

09:50:41 Rep. Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:53:22 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 226, Generally revise alcohol laws to provide for curbside pickup.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:59:18 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association

10:01:05 Roth Jordan, Montana Ale Works

10:05:26 Mark Lewis, Montana Spirits and Wine

10:06:02 EJ Redding, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association

10:06:45 Matt Leow, Montana Brewers Association

10:09:45 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association

10:09:59 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association

10:10:14 Jessie Luther, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana

10:11:16 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity

10:11:45 Mike Markovich, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a07\)](#)

10:14:38 Jim Harris, Montana Distillers Guild

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a08\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(bus50a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:15:21 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:15:45 Rep. Zolnikov

HEARING ON SB 320

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:19:08 Sen. Ellie Boldman (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB320, Generally revise business law pertaining to alcohol delivery.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

10:23:38 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association

10:24:52 John Iverson, Montana Taverns Association

10:26:00 Mark Lewis, citizen

Informational Testimony:

10:27:20 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:27:49 Sen. Gillespie

Closing by Sponsor:

10:28:12 Sen. Boldman

10:29:12 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:29 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus50aad.pdf](#))