

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 17, 2023 at 8:35 AM, in Room 172

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Rep. Derek Harvey, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)  
Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Denley Loge (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Staff Present:** Jolanda Songer, Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Research Analyst

**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:

Executive Action:

HB 72 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 96 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 155 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 178 DO PASS  
HB 209 DO PASS

08:37:17            **Recessed**

09:06:42            **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 72 - Revise alcohol licenses related to restaurant beer and wine licenses**

09:07:04            **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 72 DO PASS.**

09:07:04            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:07:16            **Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 72 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:29:33            Chair Buttrey

09:08:26            Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:08:43            Rep. Ron Marshall

09:09:26            Rep. Bob Carter

09:09:45            Rep. Ron Marshall

09:10:05            Rep. Bob Carter

09:10:13            Rep. Ron Marshall

09:07:16            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:10:37            **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 72 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

09:10:37            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 96 - Include agency liquor stores in the Department of Revenue's premises review**

09:11:08            **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 96 DO PASS.**

09:11:08            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:11:23            **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 96 BE AMENDED.**

09:11:45            **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 96 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

- 09:11:53 Chair Edward Buttrey
- 09:13:09 Jameson Walker
- 09:13:59 Chair Edward Buttrey
- 09:11:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:15:15 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 96 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 09:15:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 155 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol licenses**

- 09:15:51 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 155 DO PASS.**
- 09:15:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:16:11 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 155 BE AMENDED.**
- 09:16:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:17:12 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 155 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

- 09:17:20 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
- 09:17:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 178 - Revise workers' compensation laws relating to social or recreational activity**

- 09:17:58 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 178 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

- 09:18:23 Rep. Steven Galloway
- 09:18:50 Chair Edward Buttrey
- 09:19:20 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
- 09:20:14 Rep. Greg Oblander
- 09:17:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 209 - Revise live poker prize limit**

09:20:43        **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 209 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:20:52        Rep. Ron Marshall

09:21:45        Chair Edward Buttrey

09:21:54        Rep. Ron Marshall

09:22:07        Rep. Steven Galloway

09:22:21        Rep. Denley Loge

09:22:36        Rep. Bob Carter

09:23:06        Rep. Ron Marshall

09:23:55        Chair Edward Buttrey

09:24:08        Rep. Ron Marshall

09:24:48        Rep. Nelly Nicol

09:25:25        Vice Chair Derek Harvey

09:26:32        Rep. Steven Galloway

09:26:45        Rep. Ron Marshall

09:26:53        Rep. Steven Galloway

09:27:37        Rep. Ron Marshall

09:20:43        **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Carter, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:31:13

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Jolanda Songer, Secretary

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