

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Jason Small-R, on January 05, 2023 at 8:29 AM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Noland, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Willis Curdy (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Staff Present: Daisy Rhodes, Secretary
Erin Sullivan, Attorney

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:

SB 53 01/03/2023

SB 63 01/03/2023

SB 80 01/03/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 53 - Revise laws related to weights and measures

Opening Statement:

08:30:39 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 53, Revise laws related to weights and measures.

Proponent Testimony:

08:31:38 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

08:35:36 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:37:10 Sen. Jason Small

08:37:17 Eric Strauss, DLI

08:37:48 Eric Copeland, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

08:40:14 Sen. Willis Curdy

08:40:20 Eric Copeland, DLI

08:41:52 Sen. Mark Noland

08:43:25 Brad Longcake, MPMCSA

08:44:37 Sen. Walt Sales

08:45:00 Eric Copeland, DLI

08:48:30 Sen. Willis Curdy

08:49:08 Eric Copeland, DLI

08:52:12 Sen. Mark Noland

08:55:02 Eric Strauss, DLI

08:56:39 Sen. Jason Small left the meeting.

08:58:38 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:59:10 Eric Strauss, DLI

Closing Statement:

08:59:37 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, closed the hearing on SB 53.

HEARING ON SB 63 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

Opening Statement:

09:01:46 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 63, Generally revise laws related to alcohol.

Proponent Testimony:

09:06:40 Dacia English, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, Department of Revenue (DOR ABCD)

09:07:00 Dacia English, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, Department of Revenue (DOR ABCD)

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09:08:58 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:10:14 Sen. Willis Curdy

09:11:26 Dacia English, DOR ABCD

09:11:30 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

09:11:52 Sen. Walt Sales

09:12:22 Dacia English, DOR ABCD

09:14:30 Sen. Mark Noland

09:14:58 Dacia English, DOR ABCD

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Closing Statement:

09:15:57 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 63.

HEARING ON SB 80 - Authorize investment authority for retained interest

Opening Statement:

09:16:42 Sen. Mike Fox (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 80, Authorize investment authority for retained interest.

Proponent Testimony:

09:17:18 Liane Taylor, Department of Commerce (DOC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

09:18:54 Sen. Mike Fox (D), SD 16, closed the hearing on SB 80.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:19:51

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230105BUSaad\)](#)