

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 19, 2023 at 8:33 AM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)
Sen. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mark Noland, Vice Chair (R)
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:

HB 43 01/12/2023
HB 98 01/12/2023
HB 120 01/12/2023
SB 22 01/17/2023
SB 166 01/17/2023
SB 168 01/17/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 166 - Exempt barbering services in prisons and detention centers from licensing laws

Opening Statement:

08:34:19 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, opened the hearing on SB 166, Exempt barbering services in prisons and detention centers from licensing laws.

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Proponent Testimony:

08:36:21 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU-MT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

08:37:23 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, closed the hearing on SB 166.

HEARING ON HB 98 - Revise alcohol laws relating to airport suitability

Opening Statement:

08:38:19 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 98, Revise alcohol laws relating to airport suitability.

Proponent Testimony:

08:39:57 Becky Schlauch, Division Administrator, Department of Revenue - Alcoholic Beverage Control (DOR-ABC)

08:41:16 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

08:41:46 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

08:42:05 Tim Conway, Aeronautics Administrator, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:42:58 Sen. Jason Small
08:43:24 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABC
08:43:43 Sen. Mark Noland
08:43:59 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABC
08:44:30 Sen. Willis Curdy
08:45:14 Tim Conway, MDT

Closing Statement:

08:45:29 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 98.

HEARING ON HB 120 - Allow for state sponsored industry trade shows

Opening Statement:

08:46:14 Rep. Russel Miner (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 120, Allow for state sponsored industry trade shows.

Proponent Testimony:

08:47:28 Becky Schlauch, Division Administrator, Department of Revenue - Alcoholic Beverage Control (DOR-ABC)
08:48:21 Christy Clark, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
08:50:06 Cort Jensen, Attorney, Department of Agriculture (AGR)
08:51:16 John Iversen, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
08:52:45 Liane Taylor, Administrator, Business MT Division, Department of Commerce (DOC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:53:46 Sen. Jason Small
08:54:08 Christy Clark, AGR
08:54:51 Sen. Jason Small
08:55:03 Sen. Willis Curdy
08:57:18 Cort Jensen, AGR
08:57:51 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABC
08:58:23 Sen. Mark Noland
08:59:21 Becky Schlauch
08:59:44 Sen. Jason Small
09:00:15 Sen. Walt Sales
09:01:18 Rep. Russel Miner-R

Closing Statement:

09:03:01 Rep. Russel Miner (R), HD 19, closed the hearing on HB 120.

**HEARING ON HB 43 - Revising alcohol laws relating to death or incapacity of a licensee
or owner or others**

Opening Statement:

09:04:10 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 43, Revising alcohol laws relating to death or incapacity of a licensee or owner or others.

Proponent Testimony:

09:05:02 Becky Schlauch, Division Administrator, Department of Revenue -
Alcoholic Beverage Control (DOR-ABC)

09:06:12 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

09:07:57 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

09:08:08 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:08:50 Sen. Mark Noland

09:09:17 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABC

09:10:10 Sen. Willis Curdy

09:11:09 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABC

Closing Statement:

09:11:47 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, closed the hearing on HB 43.

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HEARING ON SB 22 - Generally revise independent contractor laws

Opening Statement:

09:22:38 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, opened the hearing on SB 22,
Generally revise independent contractor laws.

Proponent Testimony:

09:27:33 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF)

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Opponent Testimony:

09:33:46 Ronda Wiggers, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)
09:36:01 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)
09:36:50 Cory Shaw, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
09:38:23 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:40:07 Sen. Mark Noland
09:42:21 Brian Thompson, MCCF
09:44:08 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:44:47 Brian Thompson, MCCF
09:46:38 Kevin Braun, MSF
09:47:11 Sen. Walt Sales
09:48:30 Kevin Braun, MSF
09:49:18 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:49:25 Kevin Braun, MSF

Closing Statement:

09:49:53 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, closed the hearing on SB 22.

HEARING ON SB 168 - Revise lottery laws relating to sales agent commissions

Opening Statement:

09:54:30 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 168, Revise lottery laws relating to sales agent commissions.

Proponent Testimony:

09:56:54 Scott Sales, Director, Lottery

09:57:59 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:58:44 Sen. Jason Small

09:59:04 Scott Sales, Lottery

09:59:22 Sen. Jason Small

10:00:02 Scott Sales, Lottery

10:00:18 Sen. Walt Sales

10:00:35 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

10:01:10 Sen. Jason Small

10:02:01 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Closing Statement:

10:02:24 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 168.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:03:16

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230119BUSaad\)](#)