

**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 26, 2023 at 8:34 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)

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

**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:

SR 34 01/23/2023  
SR 36 01/23/2023  
SR 37 01/23/2023  
SR 39 01/23/2023  
SR 41 01/23/2023  
SR 42 01/23/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SR 34 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of private security**

**Opening Statement:**

08:36:08 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 34, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of private security.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230126BUSa1\)](#)

08:37:04 Sen. Terry Vermeire joined the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:37:20 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

08:39:03 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 34.

**HEARING ON SR 36 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of funeral services**

**Opening Statement:**

08:39:33 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 36, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of funeral services.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230126BUSa2\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:40:30 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

08:41:59 Brad Longcake, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:42:43 Sen. Willis Curdy

08:43:41 Sen. Mark Noland

08:45:07 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Closing Statement:**

08:46:10 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 36.

**HEARING ON SR 37 - Confirm governor's appointees for the state electrical board**

**Opening Statement:**

08:46:41 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 37, Confirm governor's appointees for the state electrical board.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230126BUSa3\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:47:33 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

08:48:50 Clay Ledbetter, self

08:49:15 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:50:03 Sen. Walt Sales  
08:50:31 Clay Ledbetter  
08:51:39 Sen. Willis Curdy  
08:52:45 Clay Ledbetter  
08:54:14 Sen. Bruce Gillespie  
08:54:46 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office  
08:55:05 Margaret Morgan, IEC

**Closing Statement:**

08:56:11 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 37.

**HEARING ON SR 39 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of public accountants**

**Opening Statement:**

08:56:30 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 39, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of public accountants.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230126BUSa4\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:57:35 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

08:59:20 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 39.

**HEARING ON SR 41 - Confirm governor's appointees for board of architects and landscape architects**

**Opening Statement:**

08:59:51 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 41, Confirm governor's appointees for board of architects and landscape architects.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230126BUSa5\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:00:35 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

09:01:50 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 41.

**HEARING ON SR 42 - Confirm governor's appointees for board of professional engineers/land surveyors**

**Opening Statement:**

09:02:21 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 42, Confirm governor's appointees for board of professional engineers/land surveyors.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230126BUSa6\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:03:11 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:04:32 Sen. Willis Curdy

09:06:42 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

09:07:22 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:08:26 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

09:08:46 Sen. Mark Noland

09:08:59 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Closing Statement:**

09:09:57 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 42.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:11:38

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Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230126BUSaad\)](#)