

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Small-R, on January 31, 2023 at 8:32 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 155 01/28/2023

HB 178 01/28/2023

SB 214 01/28/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 214 - Enact Audio and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact**

**Opening Statement:**

08:33:19 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 214, Enact Audio and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:37:14 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:38:03 Abigail St. Lawrence, self

[EXHIBIT\(230131BUSa1\)](#)

08:39:32 Shelby Midboe, Montana Speech Language and Hearing Association (MSLHA)

08:44:01 Kathleen Cohn, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:47:55 Dave Cook, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

08:48:27 Chair Jason Small

08:50:25 Dave Cook, DLI

08:50:37 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:51:02 Kathleen Cohn

08:52:20 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:53:09 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty-D

08:53:33 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:54:10 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty-D

08:54:43 Dave Cook, DLI

**Closing Statement:**

08:56:11 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, closed the hearing on SB 214.

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

**Opening Statement:**

09:06:01 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 178, Revise workers' compensation laws relating to social or recreational activity.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:07:22 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Ski Area Association (MSAA)

[EXHIBIT\(230131BUSa2\)](#)

09:10:44 Jeff Schmidt, Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area and Montana Ski Area Association

09:13:08 Ciche Pitcher, Discovery Ski Area

09:14:41 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund

09:15:24 Peter Strauss, Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA)

09:50:50 Kevin Bartsch, Montana Schools Group Interlocal Authority (MSDIA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:16:24 Bill Wheeler, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:16:53 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:17:28 Aimee Grmoljez, MSAA

09:18:47 Sen. Walt Sales

09:19:15 Rep. Kenneth Walsh-R

**Closing Statement:**

09:20:26 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, closed the hearing on HB 178.

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

**Opening Statement:**

08:56:13 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 155, Generally revise laws related to alcohol licenses.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:00:08 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beveridge Control (DOR-ABC)

09:02:11 Shawna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:02:51 Chair Jason Small

09:03:12 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:03:47 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABC

**Closing Statement:**

09:24:29 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 155.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:21:52

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Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230131BUSaad\)](#)