

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

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on February 01, 2023 at 8:30 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:

SB 211 01/30/2023

Executive Action:

HB 50 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 68 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 178 BE CONCURRED IN
SB 146 TO TABLE
SB 174 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 214 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 211 - Article V convention commissioner selection and credentialing act

Opening Statement:

08:31:17 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 211, Article V convention commissioner selection and credentialing act.

Proponent Testimony:

08:48:15 Steve Allen, self
08:50:57 Peggy Bates, self
08:52:07 Matthew Cooper, self
08:53:29 Blair Blizzard, self
08:53:52 Kristen Wing, self
08:54:15 Wendy Jorgenson, self

Opponent Testimony:

08:57:29 Ed Regan, BCRCC
09:00:12 Alan Lackey, self
09:03:39 Theresa Manzella, self
09:09:55 Jim Buterbaugh, self
09:11:26 Charlie Price, self
09:12:27 Jeni Dodd, self
09:15:29 Terri Lackey, self
09:17:43 Shawn Meehan, self
09:24:51 Robert Brown, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:31:43 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:32:26 Sen. Theresa Manzella
09:33:00 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:33:27 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R
09:34:05 Sen. Walt Sales
09:38:26 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R
09:39:39 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:41:31 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R
09:41:34 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
09:42:19 Shawn Meehan
09:46:23 Sen. Walt Sales
09:46:54 Jim Buterbaugh
09:49:09 Sen. Walt Sales
09:49:26 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

Closing Statement:

09:50:07 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 211.

09:59:21 **Recessed**

10:25:57 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 50 - Revising alcohol licenses to remove an outdated reference to certain licenses

10:26:04 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 50 BE CONCURRED IN.**
10:26:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 68 - Generally revise laws related to beer and wine licenses

10:27:06 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 68 BE CONCURRED IN.**
10:27:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

10:28:31 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 178 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:28:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 146 - Revise laws relating to wage transparency

10:29:04 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 146 DO PASS.**

10:29:04 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

10:29:19 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 146 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:30:12 Erin Sullivan

10:31:51 Chair Jason Small

10:32:08 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:29:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting yes.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

10:33:17 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 146 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:34:05 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:33:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:34:47 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 146 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:35:12 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:34:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

10:36:38 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 146 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:36:51 Sen. Walt Sales

10:37:10 Erin Sullivan

10:36:38 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, Sen. Small, voting yes.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

10:39:13 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 146 TO TABLE.**

10:39:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 174 - Allow counties funding for broadband infrastructure

10:39:56 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 174 DO PASS.**

10:39:56 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

10:40:07 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 174 BE AMENDED.**

10:40:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:41:06 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 174 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:41:27 Chair Jason Small

10:41:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, Sen. Small, voting yes.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

10:42:39 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 174 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:42:43 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:46:45 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:42:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting yes.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

10:48:12 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 174 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

10:48:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

10:49:00 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 214 DO PASS.**

10:49:00 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

10:49:28 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 214 BE AMENDED.**

10:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:50:20 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 214 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

10:50:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:51:15

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201BUSaad\)](#)