

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE

#### 68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON (S) BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Jason Small-R, on February 09, 2023 at 8:29 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 260 02/06/2023

SR 29 02/03/2023

SR 30 02/03/2023

SR 38 02/03/2023

SR 40 02/03/2023

Executive Action:

SB 260 DO PASS

SR 29 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

SR 30 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

SR 40 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

SR 38 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**HEARING ON SB 260 - Revise insurance unfair trade practices act relating to certain insurers**

**Opening Statement:**

08:30:12 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 260, Revise insurance unfair trade practices act relating to certain insurers.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:31:45 Charles Robinson, Montana Chamber of Commerce

08:34:00 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Captive Insurance Association (MCIA)

08:36:22 Frank Cote, Commissioner of Securities & Insurance, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

08:37:25 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SB 260.

**HEARING ON SR 29 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of realty regulation**

**Opening Statement:**

08:39:19 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 29, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of realty regulation.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230209BUSa1\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:40:00 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

08:41:24 William Grant, self

08:42:06 Sharon Virgin, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:43:15 Sen. Willis Curdy

08:43:48 William Grant

**Closing Statement:**

08:44:21 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 29.

**HEARING ON SR 30 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of real estate appraisers**

**Opening Statement:**

08:44:46 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 30, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of real estate appraisers.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230209BUSa2\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:45:37 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:47:35 Sen. Willis Curdy  
08:48:48 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office  
08:49:36 Sen. Mark Noland  
08:51:31 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office  
08:52:00 Sen. Walt Sales

**Closing Statement:**

08:52:49 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 30.

**HEARING ON SR 38 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of barbers and cosmetologists**

**Opening Statement:**

08:53:09 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 38, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of barbers and cosmetologists.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230209BUSa3\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:54:19 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office  
08:57:16 Bryan Kirkland, self  
08:58:14 Lauren Hansen, self  
08:59:43 Tucker Landerman, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:01:07 Sen. Bruce Gillespie  
09:01:27 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office  
09:02:09 Sen. Willis Curdy  
09:04:06 Lauren Hansen  
09:05:03 Sen. Mark Noland  
09:05:34 Bryan Kirkland  
09:06:54 Sen. Walt Sales  
09:07:38 Bryan Kirkland

**Closing Statement:**

09:08:44 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 38.

**HEARING ON SR 40 - Confirm governor's appointee for the board of plumbers**

**Opening Statement:**

09:09:11 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 40, Confirm governor's appointee for the board of plumbers.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230209BUSa4\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:09:44 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:11:29 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:11:42 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

09:12:14 Sen. Mark Noland

**Closing Statement:**

09:12:26 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 40.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 260 - Revise insurance unfair trade practices act relating to certain insurers**

09:14:31 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 260 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:14:37 Sen. Mark Noland

09:14:54 Sen. Willis Curdy

09:14:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 29 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of realty regulation**

09:16:48 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SR 29 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

09:16:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 30 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of real estate appraisers**

09:17:39 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SR 30 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:17:52 Sen. Willis Curdy

09:17:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 40 - Confirm governor's appointee for the board of plumbers**

09:19:05 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SR 40 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

09:19:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 38 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of barbers  
and cosmetologists**

09:19:47 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SR 38 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

09:19:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:20:50

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Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230209BUSaad\)](#)