

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

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on February 23, 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (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:

HB 187 02/20/2023
SB 349 02/16/2023
SB 397 02/21/2023
SJ 12 02/16/2023
SB 411 02/21/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 187 - Establish that childcare is a residential use of property

Opening Statement:

08:31:34 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 187, Establish that childcare is a residential use of property.

Discussion:

08:33:16 Sen. Terry Vermeire joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

08:34:12 Ella Smith, Montana Advocates for Children (MAC)

08:38:25 Tracy Moseman, Department of Public Health and Human Services(DPHHS)

08:40:25 Katlin Jensen, Zero to Five Montana

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08:43:33 Meghan Ballenger, Raise Montana

08:46:26 Erin Moots, self

08:49:06 Corinne Kuntz, self

Opponent Testimony:

08:51:40 Andy Skinner, self

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Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:58:34 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

08:59:46 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

09:00:07 Sen. Walt Sales

09:00:36 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

09:01:06 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:01:58 Andy Skinner
09:03:57 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:04:18 Andy Skinner
09:05:19 Chair Jason Small
09:05:47 Rep. Alice Buckley-D
09:06:24 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:08:09 Rep. Alice Buckley-D
09:09:05 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
09:12:38 Rep. Alice Buckley-D
09:12:50 Sen. Walt Sales
09:13:29 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
09:14:30 Sen. Walt Sales
09:15:07 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
09:16:24 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
09:17:08 Rep. Alice Buckley-D
09:17:14 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:18:44 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

Closing Statement:

09:19:49 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, closed the hearing on HB 187.

HEARING ON SB 411 - Generally Revise Motor Vehicle Laws

Opening Statement:

09:24:09 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 411, Generally Revise Motor Vehicle Laws.

Proponent Testimony:

09:25:56 Bruce Knudsen, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MTADA)

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09:27:22 Craig Charelton, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MTADA)
09:29:15 Brandon Bretz, Bretz R.V. and Marine
09:31:49 Erick Anderson, self
09:32:53 Blake Underriner, self
09:34:07 Eric Henrickson, self
09:35:43 Shannon Flanagan, Flanagan Motors
09:37:00 Mike Schneider, Jim Taylor Motors
09:38:52 John Brueggeman, VITU
09:39:33 Don Kaltschmidt, Don K. Chervrolet
09:41:37 Steve Zabawa, self

Opponent Testimony:

09:43:05 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation (AAI)
09:46:05 Josh Fisher, Alliance for Automotive Innovation (AAI)
09:50:50 Nathan Glazier, Toyota

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:54:41 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:56:54 Blake Underrider
09:57:00 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:57:29 Eric Anderson
09:58:25 Chair Jason Small
09:59:07 Bruce Knudtsen, All
09:59:18 Erick Henrickson

10:00:37 Chair Jason Small
10:00:51 Eric Henrickson
10:01:28 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
10:06:38 Erick Anderson
10:06:54 Chair Jason Small
10:07:27 Erick Anderson
10:07:56 Sen. Walt Sales
10:08:23 Erick Anderson
10:08:49 Sen. Walt Sales
10:09:50 Robbie Dee, Dee Motor Company
10:13:15 Chair Jason Small
10:14:07 Craig Charlton, MTADA
10:15:11 Chair Jason Small
10:16:26 John Brueggeman, VITU
10:17:31 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
10:18:28 Sen. Christopher Pope joined the meeting.
10:18:51 Nathan Glazier, Toyota
10:19:31 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
10:21:15 Erick Anderson
10:21:36 Vice Chair Mark Noland
10:23:56 Don Kaltschmidt, Don K Motors
10:26:12 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

10:26:59 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 411.

**HEARING ON SJ 12 - Resolution for a feasibility to establish a Montana trade office in
India**

Opening Statement:

10:34:53 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SJ 12,
Resolution for a feasibility to establish a Montana trade office in India.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:36:55 Director Scott Osterman, Montana State Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee:

10:37:43 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
10:39:52 Director Scott Osterman, DOC
10:40:36 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
10:41:21 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R
10:41:35 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
10:42:33 Director Scott Osterman, DOC
10:43:35 Sen. Walt Sales
10:47:03 Director Scott Osterman, DOC
10:48:17 Sen. Walt Sales
10:48:27 Sen. Mike Fox
10:48:42 Director Scott Osterman, DOC
10:49:01 Chair Jason Small
10:49:13 Director Scott Osterman, DOC

Closing Statement:

10:49:55 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SJ 12.

HEARING ON SB 349 - Establish economic/diplomatic relations with republic of Korea

Opening Statement:

10:50:25 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 349, Establish economic/diplomatic relations with republic of Korea.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:52:43 Director Scott Osterman, Montana State Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee:

10:53:13 Sen. Christopher Pope

10:57:02 Director Scott Osterman, DOC

10:58:18 Chair Jason Small

10:58:30 Director Scott Osterman, DOC

Closing Statement:

11:00:37 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 349.

HEARING ON SB 397 - Generally revise laws related to privacy and facial recognition technology

Opening Statement:

11:01:19 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 397, Generally revise laws related to privacy and facial recognition technology.

Discussion:

11:08:24 Sen. Christopher Pope left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

11:12:45 Rep. Katie Sullivan, self

11:14:15 Kendall Cotton, The Frontier Institute

Opponent Testimony:

11:16:18 E.J. Redding, Security Industry Association (SIA)

11:17:59 Nannette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association and the Montana County Attorneys Association

11:21:34 Jake Parker, Security Industry Association (SIA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:25:30 Quinlan O'Connor, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee:

11:25:58 Chair Jason Small

11:29:33 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

11:29:52 Chair Jason Small

11:31:24 Kendall Cotton, The Frontier Institute

11:31:55 Chair Jason Small

11:32:03 Representative Katie Sullivan

11:34:00 Sen. Mike Fox

11:35:53 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

11:36:31 Erin Sullivan

11:36:53 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:38:31 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

11:38:51 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:39:40 Vice Chair Willis Curdy left the meeting.

11:40:33 Representative Sullivan

11:40:40 Chair Jason Small

11:41:40 Representative Katie Sullivan
11:42:04 Sen. Mike Fox
11:43:03 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R
11:44:16 Vice Chair Mark Noland
11:44:47 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R
11:45:00 Sen. Walt Sales
11:46:33 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R
11:47:48 Vice Chair Willis Curdy joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

11:47:12 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 397.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:49:30

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230223BUSaad\)](#)