

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Jason Small-R, on March 01, 2023 at 8:11 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. Jason Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Walt Sales (R)  
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:

Executive Action:

SB 475 TO TABLE  
SB 380 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
SB 386 DO PASS  
SB 415 TO TABLE  
SB 421 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
SB 444 DO PASS  
SB 451 DO PASS  
SB 492 DO PASS  
SB 501 TO TABLE  
SB 411 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
SB 454 DO PASS  
SB 455 DO PASS  
SB 456 DO PASS AS AMENDED

08:13:26 Recessed

08:26:34 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 475 - Generally revise indoor vaping laws**

08:26:59 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 475 DO PASS.**

08:27:52 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Jason Ellsworth moved that **SB 475 TO TABLE.**

08:27:52 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, Sen. Sales, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 380 - Generally revise healthcare insurance laws**

08:28:46 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 380 DO PASS.**

08:29:05 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 380 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

08:28:40 Sen. Ellsworth has left

08:29:26 Sen. Jason Small

08:29:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:30:08 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 380 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

08:30:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 386 - Revise laws relating to real estate transaction**

08:30:45 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 386 DO PASS.**

08:30:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 415 - Revise dental insurance laws**

08:31:52 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 415 DO PASS.**

08:31:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Small, Sen. Vermeire, voting yes.

08:33:15 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 415 TO TABLE.**

08:33:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 421 - Generally revise vehicle salvage laws**

08:33:52 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 421 DO PASS.**

08:34:02 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 421 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

08:34:46 Sen. Mark Noland

08:34:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:35:35 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 421 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

08:35:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 444 - Generally revise labor laws related to work-based learning**

08:35:51 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 444 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

08:36:04 Sen. Willis Curdy

08:35:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 451 - Revise healthcare contract laws to prohibit certain restrictions**

08:36:40 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 451 DO PASS.**

08:36:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 492 - Revise insurance laws relating to the duty to defend**

08:37:16 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 492 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

08:37:43 Sen. Jason Small

08:37:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 501 - Revise insurance requirements relating to insurer and automobile repair**

08:38:11 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 501 DO PASS.**

- 08:38:11 **Vote:** Motion tied 5 - 5 roll call vote
- 08:39:10 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 501 TO TABLE.**
- 08:39:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Pope, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 411 - Generally Revise Motor Vehicle Laws**

- 08:39:57 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 411 DO PASS.**
- 08:40:11 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 411 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 08:41:12 Sen. Mark Noland
- 08:40:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:41:57 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 411 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 08:41:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 454 - Generally revise laws pertaining to private security**

- 08:42:52 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 454 DO PASS.**
- 08:42:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 455 - Generally revise laws pertaining to realty regulation**

- 08:44:04 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 455 DO PASS.**
- 08:44:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 456 - Generally revise laws pertaining to hearing aid dispensers**

- 08:44:38 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 456 DO PASS.**
- 08:44:46 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 456 BE AMENDED.**
- 08:44:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 08:45:15 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 456 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 08:45:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 08:46:20

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Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230301BUSaad\)](#)