

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on March 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Walsh, Secretary

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 458 03/08/2023
SB 474 03/08/2023

Executive Action:

SB 460 TO TABLE

SB 485 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 474 - Generally revise laws pertaining to sports betting

Opening Statement:

09:01:58 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SB 474, Generally revise laws pertaining to sports betting.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:04:08 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

09:06:47 Scott Sales, Montana Lottery (ML)

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09:10:39 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

09:11:11 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:12:54 Chair John Esp

09:13:05 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

09:13:26 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

09:13:36 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:13:58 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

09:15:18 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:15:34 Scott Sales, ML

09:17:44 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:18:01 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

09:20:27 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:20:51 John Iverson, MTA

09:22:09 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:22:42 Scott Sales, ML

09:26:32 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

09:27:00 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

Closing Statement:

09:28:21 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SB 474.

09:29:21 **Recessed**

09:35:38 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON SB 458 - Define sex in Montana law

Opening Statement:

09:36:04 Vice Chair Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 458, Define sex in Montana law.

Proponent Testimony:

09:38:51 London Lewis, self

09:40:19 Joe Boyle, self

09:41:36 Andrea Pickens, self

Opponent Testimony:

09:43:05 SK Rossi, Human Rights Campaign (HRC)

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09:45:53 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula (MC)

09:48:15 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

09:49:42 Nathan Stein, Bridgercare

09:50:54 Stephen Underwood, self

09:51:35 William Bates, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:52:27 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

09:52:42 Natalie Smitham, Department of Corrections (DOC)

09:52:57 Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Questions from Committee:

09:53:35 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:54:09 Frank Cote, SAO

09:58:50 Chair John Esp

09:58:59 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

09:59:41 Amy Sassano, OBPP

10:00:30 Sen. Ellie Boldman

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10:03:58 Chair John Esp

10:04:04 Sen. Ellie Boldman

10:04:27 Amy Sassano, OBPP

10:06:22 Sen. John Fuller

10:06:55 Amy Sassano, OBPP

10:07:29 Natalie Smitham, DOC

10:08:01 Sen. Christopher Pope

10:10:29 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:12:44 Chair John Esp
10:13:17 Sen. Christopher Pope
10:14:37 Sen. Ryan Lynch
10:15:26 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:15:42 Sen. Dan Bartel
10:16:25 Natalie Smitham, DOC
10:16:52 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
10:17:47 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:18:12 Chair John Esp

Closing Statement:

10:19:05 Vice Chair Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 458.

Discussion:

10:19:37 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

10:20:57 **Recessed**

10:33:44 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 460 - Revise election administrator laws

10:34:02 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:34:21 Sen. Daniel Salomon

10:34:34 Chair John Esp

10:36:19 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

10:36:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:41:00 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:37:19 Sen. Mike Lang

10:37:30 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

10:37:52 Sen. Shelley Vance

10:38:43 Chair John Esp

10:38:56 Sen. Daniel Salomon

10:39:54 Sen. Shelley Vance

10:41:12 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

10:42:01 Sen. Daniel Salomon

10:42:18 Sen. Mike Cuffe

10:41:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, voting yes.
Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

10:43:48 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 TO TABLE.**

10:43:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 485 - Raising hourly rate of legislator compensation

10:44:36 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 485 DO PASS.**

10:44:42 **Motion:** Sen. Tom McGillvray moved that **SB 485 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:44:52 Sen. Tom McGillvray

10:44:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:45:50 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 485 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:46:01 Sen. Mike Lang

10:46:37 Chair John Esp

10:46:42 Sen. Tom McGillvray

10:45:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Mandeville, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50:46

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230310FCSaad\)](#)