

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

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on March 15, 2023 at 8:31 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: Lynnette Sena, Secretary
Erin Sullivan, Attorney

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SR 35 03/13/2023
SR 43 03/13/2023
SR 56 03/13/2023
SR 57 03/13/2023

Executive Action:

SR 35 RESOLUTION ADOPTED
AS AMENDED
SR 56 RESOLUTION ADOPTED
SR 43 RESOLUTION ADOPTED
SR 57 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

HEARING ON SR 35 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of horseracing

Opening Statement:

08:33:05 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 35, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of horseracing.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230315BUSa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

08:34:05 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:36:04 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:36:38 Hannah Slusser, Governors Office

Closing Statement:

08:36:52 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 35.

HEARING ON SR 56 - Confirm governor's appointee for the board of horseracing

Opening Statement:

08:37:25 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 56, Confirm governor's appointee for the board of horseracing.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230315BUSa2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

08:37:57 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

08:39:06 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 56.

HEARING ON SR 43 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of housing

Opening Statement:

08:39:35 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 43, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of housing.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230315BUSa3\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

08:40:10 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

08:41:44 John Wright, self

08:42:41 Cheryl Cohen, self

08:43:09 Tonya Plummer, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:44:51 Vice Chair Mark Noland

08:48:55 John Wright, self

08:49:19 Cheryl Cohen, self

08:50:40 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:52:19 Cheryl Cohen, self

Closing Statement:

08:53:10 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 43.

HEARING ON SR 57 - Confirm governor's appointees for board of housing

Opening Statement:

08:53:35 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SR 57, Confirm governor's appointees for board of housing.

Proponent Testimony:

08:54:08 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

08:54:50 Cheryl Cohen, self

08:55:24 Jeanette McKee, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:58:01 Vice Chair Mark Noland

08:58:20 Cheryl Cohen, self

08:58:31 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

08:58:47 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:02:27 Cheryl Cohen, self
09:02:39 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
09:05:10 Cheryl Cohen, self
09:06:43 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
09:07:34 Cheryl Cohen, self
09:08:29 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:08:47 Cheryl Cohen, self
09:09:43 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:09:57 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office
09:10:12 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
09:10:21 Cheryl Cohen, Governor's Office

Closing Statement:

09:10:35 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SR 57.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 35 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of horseracing

09:13:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 35 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**
09:13:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 35 BE AMENDED.**
13:09:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
09:13:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 35 RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**
13:09:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
09:13:43 Sen. Sales has left

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 56 - Confirm governor's appointee for the board of horseracing

09:14:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 56 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

13:09:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 43 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of housing

09:15:08 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 43 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

13:09:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 57 - Confirm governor's appointees for board of housing

09:15:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 57 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

13:09:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:19:14

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230315BUSaad\)](#)