

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

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 03, 2023 at 12:05 PM, 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. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)

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 535 04/03/2023

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Executive Action:

SB 538 TO TABLE
SB 535 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 538 - Generally revise marijuana laws

Opening Statement:

12:06:23 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 538, Generally revise marijuana laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

12:07:34 Kristan Barbour, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

12:08:11 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

12:08:32 Sen. Chris Friedel-R

12:09:17 Chair John Esp

Closing Statement:

12:09:32 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 538.

HEARING ON SB 535 - Revise lottery laws relating to the board of horseracing

Opening Statement:

12:09:59 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, opened the hearing on SB 535, Revise lottery laws relating to the board of horseracing.

Discussion:

12:10:02 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

12:10:43 Scott Sales, Montana Lottery (ML)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

12:12:09 John Hayes, Board of Horseracing (BH)

12:13:16 Mandy Rambo, Department of Commerce (DOC)

12:13:46 Gary Koeplin, Board of Horeseracing (BH)

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

12:14:56 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, closed the hearing on SB 535.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 538 - Generally revise marijuana laws

12:16:12 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 538 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:16:24 Chair John Esp

11:32:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Fuller, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lenz, Sen. McGillvray, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Vance, voting yes. Sen. McGillvray, By Proxy

12:17:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 538 TO TABLE.**

11:32:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Fuller, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lenz, Sen. McGillvray, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Vance, voting no. Sen. McGillvray, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 535 - Revise lottery laws relating to the board of horseracing

12:17:42 **Motion:** Sen. Ryan Lynch moved that **SB 535 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:17:54 Sen. Dennis Lenz

12:18:16 Chair John Esp

12:18:22 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

11:32:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Mandeville, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:19:49

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230403FCSbad\)](#)