

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on January 25, 2005 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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 78, 1/20/2005; SB 243, 1/20/2005
Executive Action: SB 243, SB 8

00:00:00

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a03)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a04)

00:00:08

HEARING ON SB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on **SB 243**, Eliminate restriction on beer wholesaler subwarehouses.

00:01:10

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association

Mr. Dale Markovich, Owner, Summit Beverage

Mr. Dave Hewitt, Helena Wholesaler

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a05)

Ms. Elaine Taylor, Miller Brewing Company

Opponents' Testimony: None.

00:07:51

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue

00:08:10

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:30

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:12

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 243

Motion: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 243 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Question referred to Ms. Kristi Blazer

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 243 BE AMENDED.

Motion carried unanimously.

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a06)

Motion/Vote: SEN. TROPILA moved that SB 243 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously.

SEN. DAVE LEWIS, SD 42, HELENA was absent for this action.

00:17:55

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8

Motion: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 8 DO PASS.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a07)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a08)

00:20:47 SEN. DAVE LEWIS, SD 42, HELENA entered

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 8 BE AMENDED by
SB000801.apm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 8 BE AMENDED by
SB000802.apm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved that SB 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously.

SEN. JOSEPH TROPILA, SD 13, GREAT FALLS proxied for SEN. FRANK
SMITH, SD 16, POPLAR on all action taken today.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, SD 47, MISSOULA proxied for SEN. JON
TESTER, SD 15, BIG SANDY on all action taken today.

00:38:18

Update on subcommittee meeting on SB 5:

SEN. DAVE LEWIS, SD 42, HELENA

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a09)

01:05:00

HEARING ON SB 78

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38,
opened the hearing on SB 78, Increase minimum wage.

01:09:48

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Steve Kelly, Small business owner

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a10)

Ms. Adele Hruby, Waitress

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a11)

Ms. Helen Christensen, Small business owner

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a12)

Ms. Linda Gryczan, Montana Women's Lobby, American Association of University Women

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a13)

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a14)

Ms. Kari Hoffman, Healthcare aid

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a15)

Ms. Jaccquie Helt, Vice President, Montana AFL-CIO

Mr. Bob Ream, Chair, Montana Democratic Party

Mr. Eric Shiedemeyer, Montana Catholic Conference

Ms. Judy Smith, Word and Homeword

Ms. Jane Arntzen-Schumacher,

Ms. Jessica Grennan, Associated Students of the University of Montana

Ms. Terri Minow, MEA-MFT

Ms. Kim Abbott, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation

SEN. FRANK SMITH, SD 16, POPLAR

Mr. Bob Nichol, Retiree

Mr. Jerry Driscoll, Montana AFL-CIO

Mr. Jason Miller, United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Mr. Gene Fenderson, Montana Counsel of Laborers

Mr. Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

Mr. Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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Opponents' Testimony:

Mr. Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association

Mr. Peter Christ, Restaurant owner

Ms. Laura Fix, Restaurant owner

Ms. Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT](#)(bus19a16)

Mr. Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

Ms. Rhonda Carpenter-Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None.

02:13:58

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:37:39

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

VC/ag

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus19aad0.PDF](#))