

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on January 18, 2013 at 9:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chair (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division

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 126, 1/15/2013; SB 136, 1/15/2013

Testimony only: SB 127, SB 128

Executive Action: SB 93, Do Pass As Amended; SB 109, Do Pass; SB 136, Do Pass; SB 126 Tabled

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:44 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 126. Allow distillery to obtain permits to sell liquor at special event premises.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:09 John McKee, Butte Distillery Owner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:10 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

00:23:06 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)

00:23:21 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

Informational Testimony:

00:23:56 Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:24:13 Tony Herbert, Executive Director, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:38 Sen. Brown

00:27:40 Mr. McKee, Butte

00:27:51 Sen. Jackson

00:30:07 Mr. McKee

00:31:52 Sen. Facey

00:33:40 Mr. Iverson, MTA

00:33:54 Sen. Facey

00:33:59 Ms. Helfert, DOR

00:34:10 Sen. Facey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:33 Sen. Sesso

00:37:39 Sen. Facey

00:37:56 Sen. Sesso

00:38:02 Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON SB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:52 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 136. Revise veterans home loan program laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:35 Michael Clouse, Legislative Chairman, Department of Disabled American
Veterans of Montana (DAV); also speaking for American Legion in Montana
00:45:48 Jack Walsh, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA); retired National
Guard member
00:48:12 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:48:52 Bruce Brensdal, Executive Director, Montana Board of Housing (MBH)
[EXHIBIT\(bus10a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:24 Sen. Brown
00:52:53 Sen. Larsen
00:53:56 Sen. Jackson
00:54:14 Mr. Brensdal, MBH
00:55:11 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:56:43 Mr. Brensdal
00:57:21 Sen. Facey
00:57:59 Mr. Brensdal
00:58:10 Sen. Arntzen
00:58:21 Mr. Brensdal
00:58:55 Sen. Barrett
00:59:05 Mr. Brensdal

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:47 Sen. Larsen

SB 127 and SB 128

Due to the late cancellation of Hearings on SB 127 and SB 128, Chairman Sonju allowed verbal testimony from those who had traveled to attend the hearing. The following is a partial hearing on both SB 127 and 128. The full hearings will be rescheduled at a later date.

Public Comment:

01:01:45 Chris Cavazos, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial
Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Proponents Testimony: None

Opponents Testimony:

01:04:37 John Roeber, Butte, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of
Boilermakers (IBB) #111
01:06:34 Steve Erickson, Anaconda, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers (IBB
#111)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:57 Chairman Sonju
01:08:27 Sen. Brown
01:08:56 Mr. Roeber, IBB
01:11:08 Chairman Sonju

01:11:34 Recess
01:24:54 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126

01:26:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 126 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 7-3
by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brown and Sen. Jackson voting no. Sen.
Moore and Sen. Van Dyk voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 136

Motion: Sen. Facey moved that **SB 136 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:28:15 Sen. Facey
01:28:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Van Dyk
voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 93

01:28:54 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT\(bus10a02\)](#)

01:29:00 **Motion:** Sen. Vuckovich moved that **SB 93 DO PASS**.

01:29:58 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 93 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:30:22 Chairman Sonju
01:32:10 Sen. Brown
01:32:22 Chairman Sonju

01:32:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Van Dyk voted by proxy.

01:33:16 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 93 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(bus10a03\)](#)

Discussion:

01:33:37 Pat Murdo, LSD

01:34:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Van Dyk voted by proxy.

01:34:39 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 93 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:35:00 Sen. Arntzen

01:35:06 Melanie Hall, Commissioner, State Division of Banking and Institutions,
Department of Administration (DOA)

01:36:28 Sen. Facey

01:36:52 Ms. Hall, DOA

01:37:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Van Dyk voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

01:37:51 Sen. Arntzen

01:39:01 Ms. Hall

01:39:32 Sen. Facey

01:39:50 Sen. Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 109

01:39:50 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **SB 109 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:40:13 Sen. Brown

01:40:56 Pat Murdo, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a04\)](#)

01:41:47 Sen. Facey

01:42:54 Sen. Arntzen

01:44:08 Sen. Barrett

01:44:46 Chairman Sonju

01:44:51 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:45:37 Sen. Jackson

01:47:11 Sen. Vuckovich

01:48:26 Sen. Brown
01:49:02 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:50:29 Chairman Sonju

01:50:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, Sen. Van Dyk and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Moore and Sen. Van Dyk voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

01:51:46 Chairman Sonju
01:53:34 Pat Murdo
01:54:01 Chairman Sonju
01:54:18 Sen. Arntzen
01:54:25 Pat Murdo
01:56:00 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus10aad.pdf](#))