

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on February 8, 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. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

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 190, 2/8/2013; SB 244, 2/8/2013

Committee Business:

00:24:08 Chairman Sonju

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a01\)](#) Note: Copy of Performance Audit for HB 93, heard in committee on 2/1/2013.

HEARING ON SB 244

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:09 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 244. Specify state/tribal compact negotiations for class III gaming.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:11 Michael Devaney, CEO, Chippewa Cree Community Development Corp (CCDC)

00:30:52 Dustin Whitford, self, Business Committee Member, Chippewa Cree Tribe
[EXHIBIT\(bus28a02\)](#)

00:37:22 Lisa Belcourt, Northern Winds Casino, Rocky Boy Reservation

00:39:19 Julie Hoopes, Fort Belknap Tribe

00:40:19 Jim Malatare, Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a03\)](#)

00:45:47 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:52:04 Sue Roling, rancher, Columbia Falls

00:56:02 Mary Ruby, self

Informational Testimony:

00:57:39 Rick Ask, Gambling Control Administrator, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:03 Sen. Jackson

00:01:25 Mr. Ask, DOJ

01:01:33 Chairman Sonju

01:01:43 Mr. Ask

01:02:45 Sen. Jackson

01:02:50 Mr. Ask

01:03:13 Sen. Vuckovich

01:03:43 Sen. Windy Boy

01:04:42 Sen. Brown

01:06:58 Chairman Sonju

01:07:32 Mr. Morigeau, CSKT
01:08:32 Sen. Brown
01:08:45 Mr. Morigeau
01:09:30 Sen. Brown
01:10:04 Mr. Ask
01:10:15 Sen. Windy Boy
01:13:06 Sen. Brown
01:13:29 Sen. Windy Boy
01:13:44 Sen. Brown
01:14:14 Mr. Devaney, CCCDC
01:17:20 Chairman Sonju
01:17:45 Mr. Devaney
01:17:56 Sen. Barrett
01:18:18 Mr. Ask
01:18:41 Sen. Facey
01:18:50 Mr. Ask

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:20 Sen. Windy Boy

01:22:54 Recess
01:35:29 Reconvene

Vice Chair Jackson assumed the role of Chairman.

HEARING ON SB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:35:52 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 190. Revise certain canceled dealership contract repurchase requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:37:06 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association (MADA)
EXHIBIT(bus28a06)

01:43:19 Erick Anderson, Owner, Franchise Holder, Placer Motors Incorporated, Helena, Montana (PM)
01:46:43 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicle Association (MMHRV)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:48:22 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (AAM)
01:53:03 Mona Jamison, General Motors LLC (GM)

01:58:36 David Bright, State Affairs Counsel, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (AAM)
EXHIBIT(bus28a07)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:05:52 Sen. Barrett
02:06:08 Mr. Bright, AAM
02:07:18 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:09:25 Mr. Anderson, PM
02:11:04 Sen. Vuckovich
02:12:24 Sen. Sonju
02:14:00 Sen. Barrett
02:14:25 Sen. Sonju
02:14:30 Mr. Spencer, MADA
02:15:17 Sen. Facey
02:15:33 Mr. Spencer
02:17:09 Sen. Vuckovich
02:20:16 Mr. Spencer
02:22:47 Vice Chair Jackson
02:22:52 Sen. Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:24 Sen. Sonju

Committee Business:

02:23:46 Chairman Sonju
02:24:51 Sen. Facey
02:25:31 Chairman Sonju
02:26:29 Sen. Jackson
02:26:46 Chairman Sonju
02:26:57 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:27:07 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:07 A.M.

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([bus28aad.pdf](#))