

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Tom Berry, on January 14, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, 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: HB 50, 1/8/2015; HB 81, 1/8/2015; HB 95, 1/8/2015; HB 102,
1/8/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Berry

HEARING ON HB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Rep. Tom Steenberg (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 50, Equal treatment of licensees under liquor control penalty laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:21 Shauna Helfert, Liquor Control Board, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:04:21 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
00:04:37 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)
00:04:48 Tony Herbert, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)
00:04:58 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
00:05:22 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors
00:05:52 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:20 Rep. Staffanson
00:07:06 Shauna Helfert, DOR
00:07:35 Rep. Staffanson
00:07:56 Shauna Helfert, DOR
00:08:16 Rep. Ricci
00:08:35 Shauna Helfert, DOR
00:08:57 Rep. Ricci
00:09:27 Shauna Helfert, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:18 Rep. Steenberg

00:10:37 Chairman Berry

00:10:58 Brief Recess
00:11:48 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 102

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:55 Rep. Randall Pinocci (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 102, Revise regulation of persons involved in real estate transactions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:34 Judy Bovington, Chief Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
EXHIBIT(buh08a01)

00:15:56 Charles Abramson, Real Estate Broker, Missoula
00:17:03 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

[EXHIBIT\(buh08a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:21 Rep. Pinocci

HEARING ON HB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:55 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 81, Allow limited barbering license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:07 Darlene Battaiola, President, Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

00:22:16 Judy Bovington, Chief Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(buh08a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:30 Rep. Salomon

00:23:38 Judy Bovington, DLI

00:23:57 Rep. Pope

00:24:28 Judy Bovington, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:06 Rep. Lynch

00:25:15 Rep. Lynch left the meeting.

00:25:18 Rep. Hunter left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 95

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:34 Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 95, Generally revise public adjuster laws.

[EXHIBIT\(buh08a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:15 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office (SAO)
00:29:27 Rep. Lynch returned to the meeting.
00:30:20 Rep. Lang arrived.
00:33:25 Bob Biskupiak, Independent Insurance Agents
00:35:27 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers of America, Allstate Insurance
Company
00:35:51 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association, Farmers Insurance
Group, State Farm Insurance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:48 Rep. Richmond
00:37:34 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:38:33 Rep. Richmond
00:39:08 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:40:13 Rep. Ricci
00:40:25 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:40:33 Rep. Ricci
00:40:41 Jesse Laslovich, SAO
00:40:46 Rep. Ricci
00:41:02 Jesse Laslovich, SAO

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:24 Rep. McCarthy
[EXHIBIT\(buh08a05\)](#)
00:43:16 Chairman Berry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:43:59

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh08aad.pdf](#))