

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on February 16, 2023 at 8:31 AM, in Room 172

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Rep. Derek Harvey, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)  
Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Denley Loge (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (D)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

**Staff Present:** Jolanda Songer, Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Research Analyst

**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 434 02/09/2023

Executive Action:

HB 277 TO TABLE  
HB 417 DO PASS

HB 389 TO TABLE  
HB 433 DO PASS

**HEARING ON HB 434 - Revise gambling laws related to sports wagering**

**Opening Statement:**

08:33:39 Chair Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 434, Revise gambling laws related to sports wagering.

08:38:31 Rep. Steve Gunderson joined the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:39:51 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
[EXHIBIT\(230216BUHa1\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(230216BUHa2\)](#)

08:46:16 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

08:51:52 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

08:53:10 Rep. Katie Sullivan joined the meeting.

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:56:43 EJ Redding, Jack Pocket  
[EXHIBIT\(230216BUHa3\)](#)

09:02:16 Kevin Kramer, CEO, Lottery Now Inc.

09:10:35 Bishop Woosley, Gaming Industry Consultant, Jack Pocket

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:14:44 Scott Sales, Director, Montana Lottery

09:14:59 Don Harris, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:15:14 Rep. Steve Gist

09:15:46 Kevin Kramer

09:17:58 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:18:24	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:18:44	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:18:59	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:19:03	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:19:12	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:19:16	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:19:25	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:19:59	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:20:16	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:20:39	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:20:56	Kevin Kramer
09:21:23	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:21:54	Kevin Kramer
09:22:22	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:22:33	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:23:04	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:24:14	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:24:34	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:24:50	Rep. Bob Carter
09:25:09	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:25:55	Rep. Bob Carter
09:25:57	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:26:28	Rep. Bob Carter
09:26:40	Scott Sales, MT Lottery

09:26:49	Rep. Steve Gunderson
09:27:26	E.J. Redding
09:27:53	Rep. Steve Gunderson
09:28:26	Bishop Woosley
09:29:55	Rep. Steve Gunderson
09:29:59	Bishop Woosley
09:30:10	Rep. Katie Zolnikov
09:30:42	Kevin Kramer
09:31:30	Rep. Katie Zolnikov
09:31:37	Kevin Kramer
09:31:57	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:32:15	Kevin Kramer
09:32:29	Rep. James Bergstrom
09:33:08	EJ Redding
09:33:25	Rep. Bob Carter
09:33:51	Kevin Kramer
09:35:38	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:36:02	Kevin Kramer
09:37:07	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:37:16	Kevin Kramer
09:38:44	Rep. James Bergstrom
09:38:52	EJ Redding

**Closing Statement:**

09:39:57 Chair Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 434.

09:46:05 **Recessed**

10:21:03 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 277 - Revise workers compensation laws relating to the State Auditor**

10:21:15 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 277 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:21:40 Rep. Nelly Nicol

10:22:24 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

10:22:35 Rep. Steven Galloway

10:23:12 Chair Edward Buttrey

10:23:39 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

10:24:25 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 277 TO TABLE.**

10:24:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Gist, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Loge, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 417 - Require consent for sensitive health exams**

10:26:11 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 417 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:26:33 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

10:26:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 389 - Create a mini-COBRA law for small employer health insurance plans**

10:28:28 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 389 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:28:52 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

10:30:11 Rep. Nelly Nicol

10:30:49 Rep. Ron Marshall

10:30:59 **Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 389 TO TABLE.**

10:30:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433 - Clarify use of certain refrigerants**

10:32:13 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 433 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:32:29 Rep. Steven Galloway

10:32:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:59:08

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Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230216BUHaad\)](#)