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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 27, 2015 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearings: SB 415, 3/27/15; SB 417, 3/27/15

Executive Action SB 20 Do Pass As Amended; SB 212 Do Pass; SB 326 Do Pass; SB 386 Do Pass; SB 394 Do Pass; SB 395 Do Pass; SB 415 Be Tabled; SB 417 Be Tabled

HEARING ON SB 415

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 415, Create presumptive illness for firefighters.

00:06:19 Chair Jones

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:26 Jesse Laslovich, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI), Montana State Auditor

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:50 Sen. Moore

00:08:09 Mr. Laslovich, CSI

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:50 Sen. Connell

HEARING ON SB 417

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:35 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 417, Generally revise laws on medical marijuana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:44 Rep. Jeff Essmann, HD 54

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:08 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:24 Sen. Windy Boy

00:13:44 Ms. Helfert, DOR

00:14:13 Chair Jones

00:14:33 Rep. Essmann

00:14:53 Chair Jones
 00:15:07 Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:35 Sen. Sands
 00:16:13 Recess
 00:31:17 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 20

00:31:27 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 20 DO PASS.**

00:31:42 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 20 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

00:32:08 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 00:32:44 Chair Jones
 00:33:04 Sen. Brenden
 00:33:15 Mr. Moe, LFD
 00:33:28 Sen. Brenden
 00:33:33 Chair Jones
 00:33:38 Sen. Sesso
 00:36:10 Sen. Windy Boy
 00:36:31 Sen. Keane
 00:36:58 Sen. Brenden
 00:37:02 Sen. Keane
 00:37:21 Sen. Windy Boy
 00:37:51 Sen. Taylor
 00:38:22 Sen. Keane
 00:38:47 Chair Jones
 00:38:59 Sen. Rosendale
 00:39:23 Sen. Keane
 00:39:32 Chair Jones
 00:39:56 Mr. Moe
 00:40:11 Chair Jones

00:40:18 **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously by those present and voting.

Discussion:

00:40:58 Chair Jones
 00:41:02 Sen. Keane
 00:41:24 Sen. Brenden
 00:41:42 Sen. Rosendale

00:42:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 20 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY TO ADD A TERMINATION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2027**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

Discussion:

00:42:42 Sen. Sesso
 00:44:30 Chair Jones
 00:45:01 Sen. Keane
 00:45:19 Sen. Sesso
 00:46:05 Sen. Keane
 00:46:09 Mr. Moe

00:46:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 20 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:47:20 Sen. Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 212

00:47:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 212 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 326

00:48:30 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 326 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:48:59 Sen. Brenden
 00:49:10 Chair Jones
 00:49:23 Sen. Keane

00:49:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 386

00:50:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 386 DO PASS**. Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Ripley, Sen. Rosendale, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hansen, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 394

00:51:47 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 394 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:52:15 Chair Jones
 00:52:29 Sen. Blasdel

00:52:56 Sen. Keane

00:53:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hansen, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 395

00:54:16 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 395 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:54:39 Sen. Blasdel

00:54:52 Sen. Brenden

00:55:38 Sen. Ripley

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00:55:53 Sen. Wolken

00:56:24 Sen. Phillips

00:57:05 Sen. Blasdel

00:57:44 Sen. Phillips

00:57:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Sen. L. Jones voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 415

00:58:41 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 415 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:58:54 Sen. Caferro

00:59:19 Sen. Keane

01:00:14 Sen. Brenden

01:01:07 Sen. Keane

01:01:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting aye. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hansen, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

01:02:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 415 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 11-8 by voice vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hansen, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 417

01:03:14 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 417 DO PASS.**

01:03:34 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden made a substitute motion that **SB 417 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hansen, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:05 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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