

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 30, 2019 at 8:30 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 13, 1/25/2019; SR 14, 1/25/2019; SR 15, 1/25/2019

Executive Action: SR 13, Be Adopted; HB 62, Be Concurred In; SB 157, Do Pass

08:31:35 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Chairman Fitzpatrick turned over the duties of the Chair to Vice Chair Brown.

08:33:05 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:33:18 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 13. Confirm Governor's appointee for Director, Department of Labor and Industry.

[EXHIBIT\(bus18a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:35:06 Galen Hollenbaugh, commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:43:41 Sen. Gauthier
08:46:12 Mr. Hollenbaugh, DLI
08:46:21 Chair Brown
08:46:52 Mr. Hollenbaugh
08:48:28 Sen. Gauthier
08:48:38 Mr. Hollenbaugh

Closing by Sponsor:

08:49:01 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:49:20 Chair Brown

Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the duties of the Chair.

08:49:30 Chairman Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 13

08:49:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 13 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Small voted by proxy.

Chairman Fitzpatrick turned over the duties of the Chair to Vice Chair Brown.

08:49:55 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:50:00 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 14. Confirm Governor's appointees to business-related boards.

[EXHIBIT\(bus18a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:56:07 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:56:16 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:56:20 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 15. Confirm Governor's appointees to business-related boards.

[EXHIBIT\(bus18a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:58:58 John Gordon, appointee, State Electrical Board

08:59:15 Barry Stang, appointee, Board of Horse Racing (BHR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:59:57 Chair Brown

09:00:23 Sen. Malek

09:01:09 Mr. Stang, BHR

09:01:42 Sen. Malek

09:04:51 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:05:05 Chair Brown

09:05:30 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

09:05:40 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:06:00 Chair Brown

Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the duties of the Chair.

09:06:08 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:06:29 Recess

09:18:02 Reconvene

Sen. Vance, Sen. Smith, and Sen. Small were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 62

09:18:11 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 62 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:18:36 Sen. Brown

09:19:12 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:19:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Small, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Gauthier will carry the bill.

09:20:27 Sen. Smith entered the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 157

09:20:35 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 157 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:20:47 Sen. Brown

09:21:28 Sen. Malek

09:22:20 Sen. Gauthier

09:23:01 Sen. Boland

09:24:01 Sen. Ellsworth

09:24:17 Sen. Smith

09:24:49 Sen. Brown

09:25:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Small and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

09:26:24 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:27 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus18aad.pdf](#))