

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on March 21, 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. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, 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: HB 584, 3/15/2019; SB 335, 3/15/2019

Executive Action: HB 344, Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 523, Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 581, Be Concurred In  
HB 624, Be Concurred In

08:32:08 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON HB 584**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:32:59 Rep. Shane Morigeau (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 584. Generally revise laws relating to cryptocurrency.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

08:41:54 Lynne Egan, deputy security commissioner, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:44:49 Sen. Brown  
 08:45:31 Ms. Egan, CSI  
 08:46:06 Sen. Brown  
 08:47:43 Rep. Morigeau  
 08:49:37 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
 08:49:45 Sen. Brown  
 08:53:46 Rep. Morigeau  
 08:55:32 Sen. Ellsworth  
 09:01:14 Rep. Morigeau  
 09:03:41 Sen. Ellsworth  
 09:05:44 Ms. Egan  
 09:06:04 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
 09:06:11 Ms. Egan  
 09:07:11 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
 09:07:50 Rep. Morigeau  
 09:08:07 Sen. Gauthier  
 09:13:46 Rep. Morigeau  
 09:14:49 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
 09:17:24 Rep. Morigeau  
 09:17:29 Sen. Boland  
 09:17:32 Rep. Morigeau  
 09:17:47 Sen. Boland  
 09:18:18 Ms. Egan  
 09:19:00 Sen. Boland  
 09:19:24 Rep. Morigeau  
 09:19:30 Sen. Malek  
 09:23:13 Rep. Morigeau  
 09:24:08 Sen. Malek  
 09:27:14 Ms. Egan  
 09:27:53 Sen. Brown  
 09:29:26 Rep. Morigeau  
 09:29:48 Sen. Smith  
 09:34:38 Rep. Morigeau

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:35:24 Rep. Morigeau

09:39:42 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Chairman Fitzpatrick passed the duties of the chair to Vice Chair Brown.

09:40:11 Chair Brown

**HEARING ON SB 335**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:40:16 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 335. Revise insurance laws related to pharmacies & certain health entities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:41:51 Stacey Anderson, policy director, Montana Primary Care Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a02\)](#)

09:48:45 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

09:52:23 Tammy Cox, director, Pharmacy Services, Southwest Montana Community Health Center

09:56:14 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association

09:57:06 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Montana; Providence Health Montana

09:58:01 Raina White, co-director, Partnership Health Center, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(bus58a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:02:25 Sen. Ellsworth

10:02:54 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:03:07 Sen. Fitzpatrick

10:03:51 Chair Brown

Chairman Fitzpatrick resumed the duties of the chair.

**Committee Business:**

10:04:15 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:05:41 Sen. Ellsworth

10:05:47 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:06:01 Sen. Brown

10:06:30 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:06:31 Sen. Malek  
 10:06:39 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
  
 10:07:24 Recess  
 10:22:50 Reconvene  
  
 10:22:56 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
 10:23:45 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 344**

10:24:30 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 344 DO PASS.**  
  
 10:24:57 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 344 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(bus58a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:25:20 Mr. Walker, LSD  
 10:26:09 Sen Malek  
 10:26:26 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
 10:26:30 Sen. Brown  
 10:26:51 Sen. Malek  
 10:26:58 Sen. Brown  
 10:27:07 Mr. Walker  
 10:27:48 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
 10:27:53 Sen. Brown  
 10:28:06 Sen. Boland

10:28:33 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Vance voting aye.

10:29:39 **Motion:** Sen. Ellsworth moved that **HB 344 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(bus58a05\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:30:06 Mr. Walker  
 10:31:32 Sen. Malek  
 10:32:28 Sen. Ellsworth  
 10:33:26 Sen. Malek  
 10:33:29 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
 10:33:55 Mr. Walker  
 10:35:23 Sen. Malek  
 10:35:35 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:36:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick voting no.

10:37:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 344 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 523**

10:38:28 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 523 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:38:46 **Motion:** Sen. Ellsworth moved that **HB 523 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(bus58a06)**

**Discussion:**

10:39:05 Sen Ellsworth

10:39:47 Sen. Brown

10:40:07 Sen. Ellsworth

10:40:36 Sen. Malek

10:41:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Malek and Sen. Vance voting no.

10:42:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 523 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 581**

10:43:15 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 581 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:43:39 Sen. Malek

10:43:56 Sen. Vance

10:43:59 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:44:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Small will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 624**

10:44:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 624 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Boland will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

10:45:15 Chairman Fitzpatrick

10:47:59 Sen. Vance

10:48:01 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:48 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus58aad.pdf](#))**