

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 29, 2019 at 9:01 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Branch
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 266, 3/27/2019; HB 520, 3/27/2019; SB 330, 3/22/2019; SB 341, 2/27/2019; HB 662, 3/26/2019; HB 663, 3/26/2019; HB 664, 3/26/2019; HB 670, 3/26/2019; HB 671, 3/26/2019; HB 672, 3/26/2019; HB 685, 3/26/2019; HB 686, 3/26/2019; HB 688, 3/27/2019; HB 689, 3/27/2019; HB 690, 3/27/2019

Executive Action: SB 266; SB 330; SB 341; HB 520

HEARING ON SB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:43 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 266, Revise taxation to promote new business and economic activity.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs65a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:05:14 Mark Taylor, Rocky Mountain Power

09:06:19 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

09:07:20 Darrell Holzer, State Building and Construction Trade Union

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:08:48 Sen. Ellis

09:09:33 Sen. Blasdel

09:10:32 Sen. Ellis

09:11:00 Sen. Blasdel

09:11:16 Sen. Cuffe

09:12:08 Sen. Blasdel

09:13:44 Sen. Cuffe

09:13:56 Sen. Blasdel

09:14:10 Sen. Jacobson

09:14:26 Sen. Blasdel

09:15:11 Sen. Jacobson

09:15:32 Sen. Blasdel

09:16:13 Sen. Ellis

09:17:12 Sen. Blasdel

09:19:15 Sen. Ellis

09:20:05 Sen. Blasdel

09:21:03 Sen. Webber

09:22:07 Sen. Blasdel

09:23:07 Sen. Olszewski

09:23:32 Sen. Blasdel

09:23:46 Sen. Ellis

09:24:15 Sen. Blasdel

09:24:46 Sen. Flowers

09:25:17 Sen. Blasdel

09:25:37 Sen. Flowers

09:25:56 Sen. Blasdel

Closing by Sponsor:

09:27:06 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 520**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:27:53 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 520, Revise funding for livestock loss board.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:28:42 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association
09:32:15 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
09:32:58 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation
09:33:13 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:33:54 Sen. Sesso
09:34:13 Rep. Shaw
09:34:18 Sen. Ellis
09:35:00 Rep. Shaw
09:35:40 Mr. Ohs, MSGA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:36:04 Rep. Shaw

09:39:20 Sen. Flowers
09:39:29 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON SB 330**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:39:44 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 330, Authorize sports gambling act.

09:41:31 Recess
09:52:29 Reconvene

Proponents' Testimony:

09:53:07 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

09:58:44 Angela Nunn, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:59:57 Sen. Ellis
10:00:47 Ms. Nunn, DOJ

10:02:54 Sen. Ellis
10:03:12 Ms. Nunn
10:03:37 Sen. Webber
10:04:08 Ms. Nunn

Closing by Sponsor:

10:05:00 Sen. Bladsel

HEARING ON SB 341

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:06:20 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 341, Establish public access land act.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:08:21 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation
10:08:59 Mark Taylor, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
10:09:20 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association
10:09:42 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:10:12 Dustin Temple, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:10:33 Sen. Ellis
10:10:42 Mr. Temple, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

10:11:58 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 662

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:13:56 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, representing Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 662, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec E - Education.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:14:21 Sen. Ellis
10:14:45 Chairman Osmundson
10:16:04 Sen. Ellis
10:16:17 Chairman Osmundson

10:16:34 Sen. Cuffe
 10:16:45 Chairman Osmundson
 10:17:04 Sen. Cuffe
 10:17:34 Chairman Osmundson
 10:17:40 Sen. Ellis
 10:17:53 Chairman Osmundson
 10:18:03 Sen. Jacobson
 10:18:15 Chairman Osmundson
 10:18:39 Sen. Keenan
 10:19:25 Sen. Sesso
 10:24:05 Sen. Ellis
 10:24:41 Chairman Osmundson
 10:24:50 Sen. Keenan
 10:26:17 Sen. Ellis
 10:26:29 Sen. Keenan
 10:27:14 Chairman Osmundson
 10:27:59 Sen. Jacobson
 10:28:08 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
 10:28:32 Sen. Ellis
 10:28:54 Chairman Osmundson
 10:29:20 Sen. Ellis

Closing by Sponsor:

10:29:32 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON HB 663

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:29:50 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, representing Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 663, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec E - Education.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

10:30:00 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:30:52 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON HB 664

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:31:09 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, representing Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 664, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec E - Education.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

10:31:17 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:31:37 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON HB 669

Implement the provisions of section B of the general appropriations act.

Discussion:

10:31:49 Chair Osmundson
10:32:07 Sen. Olszewski
10:32:45 Chair Osmundson
10:33:03 Sen. Olszewski
10:33:09 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
10:33:18 Chair Osmundson
10:33:27 Sen. Olszewski

[Note: HB 669 had been rescheduled to April 3, 2019]

HEARING ON HB 670

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:33:53 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, representing Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 670, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec B - Health and Human Services.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:34:21 Sen. Olszewski

HEARING ON HB 671

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:34:39 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, representing Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 671, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec B - Health and Human Services.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:34:49 Sen. Olszewski

HEARING ON HB 672

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:35:09 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, representing Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 672, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec. B - Health and Human Services.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:35:23 Sen. Olszewski

HEARING ON HB 685

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:35:56 Sen. Nate McConnell (D), SD 48, representing Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 685, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec D - Judiciary, Law Enf, Justice.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:36:13 Sen. McConnell

HEARING ON HB 686

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:36:32 Sen. Nate McConnell (D), SD 48, representing Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 686, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec D - Judiciary, Law Enf, Justice.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:36:51 Sen. McConnell

HEARING ON HB 687

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:37:04 Sen. Nate McConnell (D), SD 48, representing Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 687, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec D - Judiciary, Law Enf, Justice.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:37:11 Sen. McConnell

HEARING ON HB 688

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:37:38 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, representing Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 688, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec. A - General Government.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:37:49 Sen. Lang

HEARING ON HB 689

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:38:06 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, representing Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 689, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec. A - General Government.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:38:14 Sen. Lang

HEARING ON HB 690

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:38:30 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, representing Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 689, Implement provisions of HB 2, Sec. A - General Government.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:38:38 Sen. Lang

10:38:50 Sen. Ellis

10:38:59 Kris Wilkinson

10:39:46 Chair Osmundson

10:40:45 Recess

11:03:52 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 266

11:03:59 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 266 DO PASS.**

11:04:18 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 266 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs65a02)

Discussion:

11:04:33 Sen. Olszewski

11:05:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard voted by proxy.

11:05:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 266 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voting no.
Sen. Howard voted by proxy.

[Note: Sen. Smith changed his vote and Sen. Howard's vote to aye at timestamp 11:15:13]

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 330

11:06:11 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 330 DO PASS.**

11:06:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 330 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Olszewski voting no. Sen. Howard voted by proxy.
EXHIBIT(fcs65a03)

11:07:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 330 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Howard, Sen. Lang, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Howard voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 341

11:08:19 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 341 DO PASS.**

11:08:27 **Motion:** Sen. Jacobson moved that **SB 341 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs65a04)

Discussion:

11:08:38 Sen. Jacobson

11:08:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard voted by proxy.

11:09:04 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 341 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs65a05)

Discussion:

11:09:17 Chair Osmundson
 11:09:27 Sen. Lang
 11:09:40 Sen. McConnell
 11:10:46 Sen. Lang
 11:11:07 Sen. McConnell
 11:11:11 Sen. Olszewski
 11:11:53 Sen. Jacobson
 11:13:38 Sen. Smith
 11:13:47 Sen. Jacobson
 11:14:02 Sen. Welborn
 11:14:55 Sen. Ankney
 11:15:49 Sen. Flowers

11:16:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard voted by proxy.

11:16:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 341 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 520

11:16:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 520 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis voting no. Sen. Howard voted by proxy. Sen. Gillespie will carry the bill.

11:17:26 Sen. Smith
 11:18:15 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:18 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs65aad.pdf](#))