

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on April 12, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 731, 4/2/2019; SJ 24, 4/4/2019; SR 52, 4/9/2019;
SR 54, 4/10/2019

Executive Action: HB 731, Be Concurred In
SJ 24, Do Pass
SR 54, SR 52, Be Adopted

08:31:01 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 731

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:31:52 Rep. Mark Noland (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 731. Revise credit union laws regarding oversight of top officers.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:37:41 Melanie Hall, commissioner, Division of Banking, Department of Administration (DOA)

08:40:41 Karen Smith, vice president advocacy, Montana Credit Unions (MCU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:42:58 Sen. Brown

08:44:34 Ms. Smith, MCU

08:44:57 Chairman Fitzpatrick

08:46:57 Ms. Hall, DOA

08:47:52 Sen. Ellsworth

08:48:23 Ms. Hall

08:48:53 Chairman Fitzpatrick

08:48:59 Sen. Ellsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

08:49:10 Rep. Noland

08:49:34 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SJ 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:50:11 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SJ 24. Interim study of lodging facility use tax.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:51:46 Sen. Brown

08:51:56 Chairman Fitzpatrick

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

08:52:00 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:52:35 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 54. Confirm Governor's appointee for Commission on Human Rights.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:53:28 Ann Brodsky, Governor's appointee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:57:27 Chair Brown

08:58:38 Ms. Brodsky, appointee

Closing by Sponsor:

08:58:44 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:58:53 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:59:02 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 52. Confirm Governor's Appointee to the State Fund Board of Directors.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:59:40 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the role of Chair.

Sen. Vance was excused.

09:00:07 Chairman Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 731

09:00:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 731 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 24

09:00:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SJ 24 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 54

09:01:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 54 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 52

09:01:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 52 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

09:02:59 Chairman Fitzpatrick
09:03:18 Dave McCann, committee aide
09:03:38 Sen. Boland
09:04:23 Sen. Brown
09:05:02 Linda Keim, secretary
09:05:10 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:05 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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