

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on April 18, 2019 at 8:00 A.M., 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: SJ 31, 4/12/2019; SR 62, 4/17/2019; SR 63, 4/17/2019; SR 64, 4/17/2019; SR 65, 4/17/2019

Executive Action: SJ 31, Do Pass;
SR 62, SR 63, SR 64, SR 65, Be Adopted;
HB 694, Be Concurred In

08:01:04 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SJ 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:01:57 Sen. Carlie Boland (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SJ 31. Interim study on the affordability of homes in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:03:59 Peggy Trenk, Montana Housing Coalition; Montana Building Industry Association
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08:05:57 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors
08:06:39 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns
08:07:23 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
08:07:59 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:08:29 Sen. Brown
08:08:35 Mr. Mahlum, MCC

Closing by Sponsor:

08:09:17 Sen. Boland

08:09:29 Chairman Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 31

08:10:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SJ 31 DO PASS**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

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

08:10:29 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:10:39 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 62. Confirm Governor's appointee to Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:11:58 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:12:02 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:12:09 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 63. Confirm Governor's appointees to Board of Horseracing.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:13:43 Bridger Mahlum, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:15:35 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:15:38 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:15:45 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 64. Confirm Governor's appointees to Board of Architects and Landscape Architects.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:18:04 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:18:07 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SR 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:18:18 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR 65. Confirm Governor's appointees to State Compensation Fund Board of Directors.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:19:51 Sen. Malek

08:19:57 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

08:20:30 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the role of Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 62

08:20:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 62 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 63

08:21:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 63 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 64

08:21:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 64 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 65

08:21:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 65 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 694

08:22:18 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 694 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**.

Discussion:

08:22:54 Sen. Boland

08:22:58 Sen. Brown

08:23:03 Chairman Fitzpatrick

08:23:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown and Sen. Ellsworth voting no. Sen. Vance was excused.

08:24:17 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved to **REMOVE THE CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT ON HB 694.**

Discussion:

08:24:37 Chairman Fitzpatrick

08:24:40 Sen. Brown

08:24:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

08:25:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 694 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Malek will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

08:26:20 Chairman Fitzpatrick

08:26:36 Sen. Gauthier

08:26:43 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:26 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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