

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on April 23, 2019 at 11:30 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

**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: SJ 33, 4/22/2019

Executive Action: SJ 33, Tabled  
HB 385, Be Concurred In

11:30:06 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SJ 33**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:30:53 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SJ 33. Interim study of PRISM fast reactor technology.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

11:37:36 Mark Taylor, Talen Montana  
11:38:21 Robert Balhiser, self, Helena

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:39:28 Sen. Boland  
11:39:59 Sen. Gauthier  
11:40:39 Sen. Vuckovich  
11:43:14 Sen. Gauthier  
11:45:37 Sen. Smith  
11:45:53 Sen. Gauthier  
11:46:21 Sen. Ellsworth  
11:48:00 Mr. Balhiser, self  
11:47:55 Sen. Ellsworth  
11:48:41 Sen. Gauthier defer  
11:48:55 Sen. Ellsworth  
11:51:12 Mr. Balhiser  
11:54:46 Sen. Vuckovich  
11:56:22 Mr. Balhiser

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:57:29 Sen. Gauthier  
  
11:58:50 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 33**

11:58:58 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SJ 33 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:59:11 Sen. Ellsworth  
12:00:23 Sen. Brown  
12:00:58 Sen. Vuckovich  
12:01:26 Sen. Smith  
12:01:46 Sen. Malek

12:02:44 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Gauthier, Sen. Small and Sen. F. Smith voting aye.

12:03:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SJ 33 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Gauthier voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 385**

12:03:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ellsworth moved that **HB 385 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**. Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Brown, Sen. Malek and Sen. Vance voting no.

12:05:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 385 BE TABLED**. Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Brown, Sen. Malek and Sen. Vance voting aye.

12:06:34 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 385 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

12:06:49 Sen. Malek

12:07:08 Sen. Brown

12:07:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Brown, Sen. Malek and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Sesso will carry the bill.

12:08:16 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:08 PM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus83aad.pdf](#))