

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Derek Skees, on April 7, 2021 at 1:30 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Brittany Bury, Committee Secretary
Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch
Taylor Eggebrecht, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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:

Executive Action: SB 87; SB 201; SB 265; SB 266; SB 334; SB 272; SJ3; SJ 10; SJ 17

13:34:31 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 87

13:35:34 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 87 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

13:35:41 Chair Skees

13:35:50 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

13:36:45 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **SB 87 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh66a01)

Discussion:

13:37:20 Chair Skees

13:37:23 Trevor Graff, LSD

13:38:26 Chair Skees

13:38:39 Rep. Olsen

13:39:15 Rep. Custer

13:40:06 Vice Chair Hayman

13:41:02 Rep. Custer

13:41:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

13:42:05 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 87 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

13:42:12 Chair Skees

13:42:21 Rep. Olsen

13:43:35 Chair Skees

13:45:07 Rep. Custer

13:46:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Custer will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 201

13:47:26 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 201 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

13:47:31 Chair Skees

13:48:15 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov made a substitute motion that **SB 201 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh66a02)

Discussion:

13:48:28 Trevor Graff, LSD

13:49:08 Chair Skees

13:49:22 Vice Chair Zolnikov

13:49:53 Rep. Custer

13:50:02 Chair Skees

13:50:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by voice vote with Rep. Binkley and Rep. Kassmier voting no.

13:50:43 Chair Skees

13:50:49 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 201 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

13:51:00 Chair Skees

13:51:08 Rep. Sullivan

13:51:18 Chair Skees

13:51:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Kassmier will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 265

13:52:14 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 265 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

13:52:19 Chair Skees

13:53:47 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **SB 265 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(feh66a03\)](#)

Discussion:

13:54:43 Chair Skees

13:56:06 Rep. Olsen

13:57:34 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting aye.

13:58:26 Chair Skees

13:58:36 Rep. Binkley

13:58:54 Chair Skees

13:59:42 Vice Chair Hayman

14:00:08 Rep. Brewster

14:00:30 Rep. Olsen

14:01:36 Rep. Phalen

14:02:08 Chair Skees

14:02:14 Rep. Duram

14:03:26 Rep. Custer

14:04:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Phalen will carry the bill.

14:05:07 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 266

14:05:40 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 266 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:05:45 Chair Skees
14:06:06 Trevor Graff, LSD
14:06:53 Chair Skees
14:07:55 Vice Chair Hayman
14:08:32 Trevor Graff, LSD
14:09:00 Chair Skees
14:10:15 Vice Chair Hayman
14:10:47 Rep. Olsen
14:11:39 Rep. Brewster
14:12:29 Rep. Custer

14:14:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Skees will carry the bill.

14:14:58 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 334

14:15:11 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 334 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:15:16 Chair Skees
14:15:29 Trevor Graff, LSD
14:16:16 Chair Skees
14:18:17 Rep. Duram
14:19:06 Chair Skees
14:19:52 Rep. Brewster
14:20:48 Chair Skees

14:21:00 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

14:21:24 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov made a substitute motion that **SB 334 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:21:41 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 272

14:21:54 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 272 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:21:58 Chair Skees
14:22:07 Trevor Graff, LSD
14:22:35 Chair Skees
14:22:57 Rep. Kortum

14:24:04 **Motion:** Rep. Kortum moved that **SB 272 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(feh66a04)

Discussion:

14:24:28 Chair Skees
14:24:34 Rep. Kortum
14:25:56 Rep. Duram
14:26:54 Chair Skees
14:27:02 Rep. Kortum
14:27:15 Chair Skees
14:28:36 Rep. Olsen
14:31:46 Chair Skees

14:31:50 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting aye.

Discussion:

14:32:32 Chair Skees
14:34:35 Rep. Custer
14:36:32 Rep. Sullivan
14:37:52 Chair Skees
14:37:59 Rep. Duram
14:40:47 Vice Chair Hayman
14:41:55 Rep. Duram
14:42:37 Chair Skees

14:42:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. C. Knudsen will carry the bill.

Discussion:

14:43:26 Vice Chair Zolnikov
14:43:51 Rep. Olsen
14:45:43 Rep. Duram
14:46:20 Chair Skees
14:47:01 Rep. Duram
14:47:13 Chair Skees
14:47:25 Rep. Olsen
14:48:28 Chair Skees
14:48:43 Rep. Brewster
14:49:09 Chair Skees
14:50:41 Vice Chair Hayman
14:50:49 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 3

14:51:24 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SJ 3 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:51:28 Chair Skees
14:51:41 Trevor Graff, LSD

14:52:16 Chair Skees
14:52:21 Vice Chair Hayman
14:52:53 Trevor Graff, LSD
14:53:35 Chair Skees
14:53:52 Trevor Graff, LSD
14:54:20 Chair Skees
14:54:51 Vice Chair Hayman
14:55:32 Vice Chair Zolnikov
14:56:08 Vice Chair Hayman
14:56:20 Rep. Olsen
14:57:28 Chair Skees
15:00:02 Rep. Olsen
15:00:20 Rep. Kassmier left the meeting.
15:00:25 Trevor Graff, LSD
15:01:36 Vice Chair Hayman
15:03:12 Chair Skees

15:03:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, Rep. Hayman and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Skees will carry the bill.

15:03:42 Rep. Kassmier joined the meeting.

15:04:24 Chair Skees
15:04:44 Rep. Olsen
15:04:55 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 10

15:05:28 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SJ 10 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:05:34 Chair Skees
15:05:45 Trevor Graff, LSD

15:06:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Rep. Kortum voting no. Rep. Skees will carry the bill.

15:06:33 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 17

15:06:48 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SJ 17 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:06:54 Chair Skees
15:06:59 Trevor Graff, LSD
15:07:21 Chair Skees
15:08:08 Rep. Duram
15:08:30 Rep. Sullivan
15:08:41 Vice Chair Hayman

15:09:16 Rep. Custer

15:09:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Brewster, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Duram will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

15:10:31 Chair Skees
15:10:45 Rep. Duram
15:11:13 Chair Skees
15:11:27 Rep. Duram
15:11:31 Chair Skees
15:14:21 Vice Chair Hayman
15:14:35 Chair Skees
15:14:46 Vice Chair Zolnikov
15:15:02 Chair Skees
15:15:25 Vice Chair Zolnikov
15:15:43 Chair Skees

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:16:05

Brittany Bury, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh66aad.pdf](#))