

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 21, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 76, 4/20/2021; SB 81, 4/20/2021; SB 232, 4/20/2021; SB 285, 4/20/2021; SB 336, 4/20/2021; SB 376, 4/20/2021

HEARING ON SB 76**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:11:44 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 76, Revise the captive insurance regulatory and supervision account.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:14:18 Jackie Jones, Office of Commissioners of Securities Insurance of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)

09:15:37 Aimee Germonljez, Montana Captain Insurance Association (MCIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:17:28 Vice Chair Caferro

09:19:47 Sen. Salomon

09:20:22 Vice Chair Caferro

09:20:56 Jackie Jones, CSI

09:21:50 Rep. Hamilton

09:23:52 Sen. Salomon

09:24:22 Rep. Hamilton

09:24:58 Jackie Jones, CSI

09:27:29 Rep. Keane

09:28:10 Aimee Germonljez, MCIA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:29:28 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 81**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:30:02 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 81, Include prepaid wireless in 9-1-1 tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:32:04 Jeff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:33:52 Rep. Hamilton

09:35:15 Rep. Hopkins left the meeting

09:35:31 Sen. Regier

09:36:01 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:36:52 Rep. Hamilton

09:38:27 Jeff Feiss, MTA

09:39:26 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:39:55 Rep. Hamilton
09:40:06 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:40:48 Vice Chair Caferro
09:40:59 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting
09:41:56 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting
09:44:10 Jeff Feiss, MTA
09:45:40 Rep. Windy Boy
09:47:18 Jeff Fiess, MTA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:47:56 Sen. Regier

HEARING ON SB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:49:16 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 232, Revise laws related to highway patrol compensation.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:52:04 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)
09:53:02 Quint Ryan, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:54:20 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:54:41 Rep. Patelis
09:55:02 Sen. Gauthier

Closing by Sponsor:

09:56:45 Sen. Gauthier

HEARING ON SB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:57:36 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 285, Provide gas and fuel tax refund for agriculture.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:03:25 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
10:03:49 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting
10:04:02 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:05:13 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:09:27 Rep. Keane
10:10:22 Larry Flynn, MDT
10:11:02 Rep. Hamilton
10:11:29 Larry Flynn, MDT
10:12:39 Vice Chair Tschida
10:13:39 Larry Flynn, MDT
10:13:47 Rep. Windy Boy
10:16:12 Larry Flynn, MDT

Closing by Sponsor:

10:16:28 Sen. Hinebauch

HEARING ON SB 336**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:17:48 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 336, Generally revise driver license laws.

10:18:29 Vice Chair Caferro left the meeting

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:20:26 Tamrah Chatriant, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:20:55 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:21:28 Tamrah Chatriant, DOJ
10:21:39 Vice Chair Tschida
10:25:10 Sen. Friedel
10:25:52 Chair Jones
10:26:17 Tamrah Chatriant, DOJ
10:26:45 Rep. Fuller
10:27:40 Tamrah Chatriant, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

10:28:02 Sen. Friedel

HEARING ON SB 376**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:28:41 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 376, Corporate tax modernization through double-sales factor apportionment.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:30:54 Brendan Beatty, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:31:37 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:32:10 Rep. Moore
10:34:03 Sen. Hertz
10:35:25 Rep. Mercer left the meeting

Closing by Sponsor:

10:35:39 Sen. Hertz

10:36:00 Chair Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 76

10:37:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 76 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81

10:38:27 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 81 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:38:36 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:39:35 Chair Jones
10:40:06 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)
10:40:23 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:40:51 Rep. Hamilton
10:41:29 Rep. Keane
10:41:44 Rep. Garner
10:43:23 Vice Chair Tschida
10:44:13 Rep. Bartel

10:45:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 232

10:46:27 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 232 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:46:35 Chair Jones
10:46:58 Rep. Bedey left the meeting
10:47:24 Rep. Patelis
10:48:28 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting

10:48:38 Rep. Fuller
 10:49:08 Chair Jones
 10:49:14 Rep. Windy Boy
 10:50:31 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 10:51:10 Rep. Kean
 10:52:04 Chair Jones
 10:53:13 Rep. Holmlund
 10:53:29 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
 10:54:06 Rep. Garner

10:56:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Jones, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Bedey, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 285

10:56:17 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 285 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:56:28 Rep. Windy Boy
 10:57:23 Rep. Keane
 10:57:34 Rep. Schillinger
 10:57:54 Chair Jones
 10:58:57 Rep. Windy Boy
 10:59:25 Rep. Moore
 11:00:07 Chair Jones
 11:00:45 Vice Caferro joined the meeting

11:01:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Bedey, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 336

11:01:58 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 336 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:02:05 Vice Chair Caferro
 11:02:29 Chair Jones
 11:03:24 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
 11:03:39 Rep. Keane
 11:03:52 Rep. Keogh
 11:04:12 Chair Jones
 11:05:48 Tamrah Chatriant, Department of Justice (DOJ)
 11:06:10 Chair Jones
 11:06:30 Rep. Nave
 11:07:02 Chair Jones
 11:08:02 Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting

11:08:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro voting no. Rep. Bedey, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 376

11:08:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 376 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro voting no. Rep. Bedey, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:09:11 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:10:20

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph76aad.pdf](#))