

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 6, 2021 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Chair (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Erin Sullivan, Legislative Branch
Carla Bentler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Organizational Meeting

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 28, 12/30/2020

08:29:44 Chair Fitzpatrick

INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF:

08:30:32 Olivia Hopkins, secretary
 08:30:52 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 08:31:38 Erin Sullivan, LSD
 08:32:03 Clara Bentler, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
 08:32:35 Chair Fitzpatrick
 08:32:40 Sen. Gauthier
 08:32:54 Sen. Smith
 08:33:21 Sen. Gillespie
 08:33:48 Sen. Small
 08:34:14 Sen. Vance
 08:34:56 Chair Fitzpatrick
 08:34:59 Sen. Boland
 08:35:33 Sen. Sweeney
 08:36:10 Sen. Pope
 08:36:50 Sen. Fox
 08:37:28 Chair Fitzpatrick

RULES OF PROCEDURE:

08:39:10 Sen. Vance
 08:39:32 Chair Fitzpatrick
 08:39:56 Sen. Boland
 08:46:41 Chair Fitzpatrick
 08:47:23 Sen. Boland
 08:47:27 Sen. Vance
 08:48:12 Ms. Bentler, RMC
 08:48:21 Sen. Pope
 08:49:05 Sen. Vance
 08:49:12 Sen. Pope
 08:50:05 Sen. Vance
 08:50:22 Chair Fitzpatrick
 08:51:06 Sen. Pope
 08:51:17 Sen. Gauthier
 08:52:02 Sen. Vance
 08:52:18 Chair Fitzpatrick
 08:52:32 Sen. Gauthier
 08:52:48 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
 08:52:59 Chair Fitzpatrick

08:53:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that the **COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:53:35 Ms. Nowakowski
 08:54:27 Chair Fitzpatrick
 08:56:24 Ms. Bentler

PRESENTATIONS:

08:56:55 Bob Biskupia, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) Office of the
Montana State Auditor
08:58:55 Jackie Jones, CSI
08:59:17 Lynne Egan, CSI
08:59:41 Mr. Biskupia

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:00:52 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:01:27 Mr. Biskupia
09:02:17 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:03:02 Kathleen O'Leary, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
09:07:31 Paul Martin, DLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:14:14 Sen. Boland
09:14:47 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:14:55 Sen. Boland
09:15:34 Mr. Martin, DLI
09:18:18 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:18:26 Mr. Martin
09:22:35 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:22:46 Ms. O'Leary, DLI
09:23:55 Sen. Gauthier
09:25:02 Sen. Pope
09:26:00 Ms. O'Leary
09:27:48 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:28:04 Mr. Martin
09:29:47 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:29:57 Mr. Martin
09:33:43 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:33:45 Mr. Martin
09:34:09 Sen. Gauthier
09:34:42 Mr. Martin
09:35:02 Sen. Gillespie
09:35:41 Ms. O'Leary
09:37:07 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:37:24 Ms. O'Leary
09:37:45 Eric Strauss, DLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:45:30 Sen. Gillespie
09:45:56 Mr. Strauss
09:46:41 Sen. Gillespie
09:47:02 Mr. Strauss
09:47:30 Sen. Gauthier
09:48:23 Mr. Strauss
09:48:51 Sen. Gauthier
09:49:26 Mr. Strauss
09:49:51 Sen. Pope

09:51:33 Mr. Strauss
09:54:23 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:54:41 Mr. Strauss
09:59:39 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:59:48 Mr. Strauss
10:01:38 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:09:07 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:09:29 Mr. Braun, MSF
10:10:41 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:10:57 Mr. Braun
10:12:21 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:13:23 Ms. O'Leary
10:25:13 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:25:43 Recess
10:34:09 Reconvene

10:34:10 Chair Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:34:30 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB28, Revise captive insurance laws relating to examinations by the commissioner.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:35:39 John Huth, Montana Captive Insurance Association
10:36:58 Jackie Jones, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) Office of the Montana State Auditor
10:37:34 Bob Biskupia, CSI

[EXHIBIT\(bus03a01\)](#)

Additional Testimony via Zoom

[EXHIBIT\(bus03a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:43:59 Sen Salomon

10:44:28 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:45:01 Sen. Boland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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