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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 12, 2021 at 9:00 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. 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)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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: SB 70, 1/6/2021; SB 76, 1/6/2021

Executive Action: SB 49, SB 66

09:01:23 Vice Chair Vance assumed the duties of the chair.

HEARING ON SB 70

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:34 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB70, Revise laws pertaining to physical therapists.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:03:30 Nikolas Griffith, Captive Insurance Association

09:05:50 Daniel Baris, attorney, Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Proponents' Testimony Received Online:

[EXHIBIT\(bus07a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:08:07 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:08:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the duties of the chair.

09:08:50 Recess

09:12:54 Reconvene

09:13:01 Chair Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49

09:13:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 49 DO PASS**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Small, and Sen. Smith were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 66

09:14:00 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 66 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

09:14:05 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:14:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Small, and Sen. Smith were excused.

09:14:45 Recess

09:18:18 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:18:31 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB76, Revise the captive insurance regulatory and supervision account.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:20:07 Bob Biskupiak, deputy insurance commissioner, Office of the State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus07a02\)](#)

09:24:53 John Huth, Board of Directors, Montana Captive Insurance Association

Proponents' Testimony Received Online:

[EXHIBIT\(bus07a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:27:19 Sen. Gillespie

09:28:17 Mr. Biskupiak, CSI

09:29:03 Sen. Gillespie

09:29:37 Mr. Biskupiak

09:29:56 Chair Fitzpatrick

09:30:18 Mr. Biskupiak

09:30:39 Sen. Sweeney

09:31:05 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Service Division

09:31:18 Chair Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

09:31:22 Sen. Salomon

09:34:32 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:35 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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