

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 20, 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. 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)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

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: HB 41, 1/14/2021; SB 101, 1/13/2021

HEARING ON HB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:00:53 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB41, Generally revise securities laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:02:31 Lynne Egan, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)

EXHIBIT(bus13a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:04:58 Chair Fitzpatrick

09:05:04 Ms. Egan, CSI

09:05:50 Sen. Gillespie

09:06:15 Ms. Egan

Closing by Sponsor:

09:06:49 Rep. Funk

09:07:13 Chair Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:07:26 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB101, Provide for the direct patient care safe harbor act.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:09:28 Kendall Cotton, Frontier Institute

09:13:37 Darcy Nikol Bryan, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

EXHIBIT(bus13a02)

09:16:36 Todd Bergland, MT Direct Primary Care Association (MT DPC)

09:23:45 Jackie Jones, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)

09:25:24 Brandon Biyleu, MT DPC

09:30:23 Scott Centorino, Opportunity Solutions Project

09:32:47 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity

09:34:09 Cara Harrop, physician

EXHIBIT(bus13a03)

09:39:28 Paula Sweeney, patient

EXHIBIT(bus13a04)

09:42:52 Kathleen Brown, physician

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:45:56 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

[EXHIBIT\(bus13a06\)](#)

09:52:12 Bruce Spencer, Mountain Health Co-op

09:54:11 Sean Slanger, American Health Insurance Plans

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:55:08 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:56:08 Sen. Smith
09:57:19 Mr. Bergland, MT DPC
09:58:33 Sen. Pope
09:59:23 Sen. Smith
10:03:17 Sen. Pope
10:03:41 Sen. Smith
10:04:15 Sen. Boland
10:04:54 Ms. Harrop, physician
10:05:10 Sen. Boland
10:05:30 Ms. Harrop
10:05:52 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:06:08 Ms. Harrop
10:07:05 Sen. Gauthier
10:07:27 Sen. Smith
10:08:06 Mr. Cotton, Frontier Institute
10:09:04 Sen. Gauthier
10:09:41 Sen. Smith
10:12:30 Sen. Gauthier
10:13:16 Sen. Smith
10:14:39 Sen. Boland
10:15:34 Mr. Doran, BCBSMT
10:17:22 Sen. Gillespie
10:18:32 Mr. Doran
10:20:57 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:21:42 Sen. Smith
10:23:04 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:23:26 Mr. Cotton
10:24:09 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:24:24 Mr. Cotton
10:26:18 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:26:30 Mr. Cotton
10:29:54 Sen. Pope
10:30:57 Mr. Doran
10:32:59 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:33:27 Mr. Doran
10:34:07 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:34:32 Mr. Doran
10:35:39 Sen. Gillespie
10:36:18 Mr. Doran

Closing by Sponsor:

10:37:17 Sen. Smith

10:44:09 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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