

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on January 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Katherine Anderson, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary

**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 82, 1/15/2021

Executive Action: SB 46 Be Tabled, SB 56 Do Pass, SB 57 Do Pass as Amended, SB 82 Do Pass

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 46**

15:00:56 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 46 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:01:04 Chair Kary

15:01:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting aye. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

15:02:19 Sen. Bennett

15:02:41 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

15:03:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 46 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 56**

15:04:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 56 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 57**

15:05:17 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 57 DO PASS.**

15:05:44 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **SB 57 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(sts13a01\)](#)

**Discussion:**

15:06:25 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division

15:07:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

15:07:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 57 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

15:08:47 Chair Kary passed the duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Vance and left the meeting.

Sen. Cuffe left the meeting.

**HEARING ON SB 82**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:09:16 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB82, Revise MAPA to allow for a tie breaking process in interim committees.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**  
[EXHIBIT\(sts13a02\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:12:26 Sen. Bennett  
15:12:59 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:13:37 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82**

15:14:26 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **SB 82 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:15:42 Sen. Ellis  
15:16:48 Sen. Bennett  
15:17:23 Sen. Sales  
15:17:52 Chair Vance  
15:18:08 Sen. Bennett  
15:18:27 Chair Vance

15:18:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Kary and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:19 PM

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Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts13aad.pdf](#))