

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on February 10, 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)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (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: HB 64, 2/1/2021; HB 65, 2/1/2021; SB 152, 2/1/2021; HB 66, 2/2/2021; HB 234, 2/2/2021

HEARING ON SB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:59:40 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB152, Revise public swimming pool licensing to allow online training.

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:02:23 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

09:04:12 Jim Tucker, hotel general manager, Helena

09:06:27 Sandra Thares, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a02\)](#)

09:08:23 Whitney Bergman, Missoula

09:10:42 Sen. Pope entered the meeting.

09:10:44 Stephen Wahrlich, hotel general manager, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a03\)](#)

09:11:36 Brian Alexander Stewart, The Pool Training Academy

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a04\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:14:01 Eric Seagrave, lifeguard and trainer

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a06\)](#)

09:16:11 Shannon Therriault, Montana Environmental Health Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a07\)](#)

09:18:11 Scott Stires, Missoula

09:19:42 Tonya Kiser, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a08\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:21:55 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a09\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:23:50 Sen. Boland

09:24:38 Sen. Hoven

09:26:27 Sen. Boland

09:27:07 Sen. Hoven

09:27:52 Chair Fitzpatrick

09:28:57 Richard Stewart, The Pool Training Academy

09:29:19 Sen. Gillespie
09:30:19 Mr. Stewart
09:31:44 Sen. Gauthier
09:33:51 Sen. Pope

Closing by Sponsor:

09:34:01 Sen. Hoven

HEARING ON HB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:36:38 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 64, Authorize the Securities Uniform Whistleblower Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:38:15 Lynne Egan, deputy securities commissioner, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a10\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:45:10 Sen. Vance
09:45:45 Rep. Moore
09:46:23 Sen. Vance
09:46:31 Rep. Moore
09:47:10 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:47:27 Ms. Egan, CSI
09:48:01 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:48:23 Ms. Egan
09:48:54 Chair Fitzpatrick
09:49:33 Sen. Boland
09:50:13 Ms. Egan
09:50:49 Sen. Boland

Closing by Sponsor:

09:51:51 Rep. Moore

HEARING ON HB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:52:33 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 65, Require registration of securities supervisors.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:54:55 Lynne Egan, deputy securities commissioner, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a11\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:59:32 Sen. Gauthier
10:00:02 Ms. Egan, CSI
10:00:30 Sen. Gauthier
10:00:42 Ms. Egan
10:01:19 Sen. Gauthier
10:01:27 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:01:39 Ms. Egan
10:02:20 Sen. Gillespie
10:02:55 Ms. Egan
10:03:19 Sen. Gauthier
10:03:34 Ms. Egan

Closing by Sponsor:

10:03:53 Rep. Moore

HEARING ON HB 66

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:04:18 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 66, Reauthorize securities restitution fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:06:24 Lynne Egan, deputy securities commissioner, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a12\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:11:25 Sen. Vance
10:11:41 Ms. Egan, CSI
10:12:17 Sen. Vance
10:12:43 Ms. Egan
10:12:56 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:13:04 Ms. Egan
10:13:40 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:13:48 Ms. Egan
10:14:00 Sen. Pope
10:14:54 Ms. Egan
10:16:37 Sen. Gillespie
10:17:21 Ms. Egan
10:17:28 Sen. Gauthier
10:17:53 Ms. Egan

Closing by Sponsor:

10:18:54 Rep. Moore

HEARING ON HB 234

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:19:54 Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 234, Remove sunset on requirement that massage therapy businesses display licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:20:37 Deborah Kimmet, executive director, The Business League for Massage Therapy and Bodywork

[EXHIBIT\(bus28a13\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:23:13 Rep. Stromswold

10:23:33 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:24 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus28aad.pdf](#))