

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Gordon Vance, on March 9, 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. Bruce Gillespie (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (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 308, 3/1/2021; SJ 13, 3/1/2021; SR 32, 3/1/2021; SR 33, 3/1/2021; SR 54, 3/1/2021

Executive Action: SR 32, SR 33

**HEARING ON SB 308**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:00:29 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB308, Revise the Montana Building and Loan Associations Act.

09:00:34 Sen. Gauthier entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:01:56 Jack Evans, Department of Administration (DOA)  
09:09:10 Spence Hegstad, Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan  
09:11:24 Phil Willett, Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan  
09:15:09 Rep. Tom Welch, HD 72  
09:18:01 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Bankers Association  
09:18:59 Chris Puyear, Montana Independent Banking Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:19:54 Sen. Gillespie  
09:20:22 Mr. Willett, Pioneer Federal Savings and Loan  
09:20:39 Sen. Gillespie  
09:21:01 Mr. Willett

09:21:35 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

09:21:37 Sen. Boland  
09:22:20 Mr. Evans, DOA  
09:22:32 Sen. Boland  
09:22:59 Mr. Evans  
09:24:18 Sen. Boland  
09:24:36 Mr. Evans  
09:25:29 Sen. Sweeney  
09:26:17 Mr. Willett  
09:27:24 Sen. Sweeney  
09:27:39 Mr. Willett  
09:28:11 Mr. Evans  
09:29:01 Sen. Pope  
09:29:36 Mr. Evans

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:30:27 Sen. Welborn

09:31:44 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the duties of the chair.

**HEARING ON SJ 13**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:32:22 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SJ13, Interim study of prevailing wage laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:37:36 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive  
09:39:31 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors  
09:41:36 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association  
09:42:54 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns; Montana Association of Counties  
09:43:40 Jerry Jimison, mayor, City of Glendive

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:45:42 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations of Montana  
09:46:48 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council  
09:47:41 Dwight Rose, IBEW Local 44

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:48:26 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:48:36 Sen. Hinebauch

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:49:11 Sen. Hinebauch

**[EXHIBIT\(bus47a01\)](#)**

09:50:09 Vice Chair Vance assumed the duties of the chair.

**HEARING ON SR 32**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:50:20 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR32, Confirm Governor's appointees to various business-related boards.

**[EXHIBIT\(bus47a02\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:51:46 Chris Puyear, Montana Funeral Directors Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:52:44 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SR 33**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:53:09 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR33, Confirm Governor's appointees to various business-related boards.

**[EXHIBIT\(bus47a03\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:54:14 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:55:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SR 54**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:55:21 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SR54, Confirm Governor's appointee to the State Electrical Board.

**[EXHIBIT\(bus47a04\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:56:22 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:56:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the duties of the chair.

09:56:29 Chair Fitzpatrick

09:56:56 Sen. Boland

09:56:59 Chair Fitzpatrick

09:57:07 Recess

10:11:53 Reconvene

10:11:55 Sen. Sweeney left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 32**

10:11:57 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 32 BE ADOPTED.**

10:12:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SR 32 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Small and Sen. Sweeney were excused.  
**EXHIBIT(bus47a05)**

10:12:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 32 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sweeney voted by proxy. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Small were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 33**

10:13:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 33 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sweeney voted by proxy. Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Small were excused.

10:13:41 Chair Fitzpatrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:14 A.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus47aad.pdf](#))