

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on March 12, 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. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Alex Colafrancesco, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 34, 3/9/2021; HB 47, 3/9/2021; HB 58, 3/9/2021

Executive Action: HB 178 Be Concurred In as Amended; HB 34 Be Concurred In as Amended; HB 47 Be Concurred In as Amended; HB 58 Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 34**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:42 Rep. Frank Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB34, Revise statutes to reflect federal recognition of Little Shell tribe.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:50 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:07:05 Sen. Cuffe

15:08:15 Rep. Smith

15:08:30 Sen. Fox

15:08:55 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:20 Rep. Smith

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 34

15:09:58 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 34 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:10:00 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 34 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sts50a01)

Discussion:

15:10:15 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:10:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

15:11:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 34 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Fox will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 47**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:12:29 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB47, Providing requirements for emergency rules under MAPA.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:19:51 Patrick Webb, Americans For Prosperity Montana (AFP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:32 Sen. Cuffe
15:21:53 Rep. McKamey
15:22:22 Sen. Sales
15:24:07 Rep. McKamey
15:24:19 Sen. Cuffe
15:24:44 Rep. McKamey
15:25:20 Sen. Cuffe
15:25:27 Chair Kary
15:25:47 Rep. McKamey
15:26:29 Sen. Ellis
15:27:30 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

15:28:12 Rep. McKamey

HEARING ON HB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:29:34 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB58, Extend Bond Validation Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:05 Mark Bruno, Department of Administration (DOA)
[EXHIBIT\(sts50a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:36:29 Rep. Karjala

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 178

15:37:01 Chair Kary
15:38:08 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:38:30 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 178 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Motion: Sen. Vance moved that **HB 178 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(sts50a03\)](#)

Discussion:

15:39:15 Ginger Aldrich, LSD
15:39:51 Chair Kary

15:40:01 Sen. Ellis
15:40:57 Sen. Cuffe

15:41:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

15:42:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 178 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Kary and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Ellsworth will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 47

15:43:26 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 47 BE CONCURRED IN**.

15:43:29 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 47 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sts50a04\)](#)

15:43:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

15:44:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 47 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Ellis will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 58

15:45:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 58 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:46

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts50aad.pdf](#))