

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 16, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Alex Colafrancesco, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Kris Wilkinson, 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 303, 3/12/2021; SB 323, 3/12/2021

14:28:35 Chair Osmundson

**HEARING ON HB 303**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:29:54 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB303, Revise business equipment tax laws: Business Investment Grows (BIG) Jobs Act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:30:43 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
14:31:18 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)  
14:31:52 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

Additional Testimony Provided:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs52a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

14:33:01 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote  
14:34:27 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

**Informational Testimony:**

14:35:08 Eric Dale, DOR  
14:35:36 Kory Hofland, administrator, Property Assessment Division, DOR  
14:36:08 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:36:40 Rep. Kassmier

**HEARING ON SB 323**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:37:19 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB323, Generally revise Montana Administrative Procedure Act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:41:04 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity  
  
14:43:53 Chair Osmondson  
14:44:03 Sen. Ellis  
14:44:35 Chair Osmundson

**Opponents' Testimony:**

14:45:06 Glenn Opel, policy director, Office of the Governor  
14:48:45 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council  
14:49:43 David Klemp, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
14:52:20 Quinlan O'Connor, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

14:54:58 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fcs52a02\)](#)

14:56:37 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fcs52a03\)](#)

14:58:07 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

**Informational Testimony:**

14:58:51 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:59:21 Sen. Ellis

15:00:18 Mr. O'Connor, DLI

15:00:49 Sen. Ellis

15:01:54 Mr. Klemp, DEQ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:03:55 Sen. Friedel

15:05:44 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:05 P.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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