

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on March 22, 2021 at 11:15 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. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary
Clara Bentler, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Erin Sullivan, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: HB 121, HB 201, HB 289, HB 435, HB 440, HB 614

11:17:01 Chair Fitzpatrick
11:18:00 Sen. Gauthier
11:18:14 Chair Fitzpatrick

11:18:38 Recess
11:33:53 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 121

11:34:03 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 121 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:34:34 Sen. Sweeney
11:35:49 Sen. Gauthier
11:37:13 Sen. Pope
11:38:20 Sen. Boland

11:39:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope and Sen. Sweeney voting no. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Gauthier will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 201

11:40:50 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 201 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:41:05 Sen. Small
11:41:48 Sen. Pope

11:42:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, Sen. Small and Sen. Sweeney voting no. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Hinebauch will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 289

11:43:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 289 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth was excused. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 435

11:44:16 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 435 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:44:37 Sen. Sweeney
11:45:37 Chair Fitzpatrick
11:46:34 Sen. Pope
11:47:39 Sen. Boland

11:48:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope and Sen. Sweeney voting no. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 440

11:48:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 440 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Sweeney will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 614

11:50:04 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 614 BE CONCURRED IN**.

11:50:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 614 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth was excused.

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11:50:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 614 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy. Sen. Pope will carry the bill.

11:51:54 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:52 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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