

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 25, 2021 at 9:01 AM, in Room 317  
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. 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. 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. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 285, 3/19/2021; HB 260, 3/19/2021; SB 143, 3/19/2021; SB  
232, 3/19/2021  
Executive Action: HB 49 Be Concurred In; HB 252 Be Concurred In

09:01:09 Chair Osmundson

### **HEARING ON SB 285**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:21 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB285, Provide gas and fuel tax refund for agriculture.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:04:00 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (MDT)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:05:12 Sen. Ankney

09:05:44 Sen. Hinebauch

09:05:56 Sen. Cuffe

09:06:19 Sen. Hinebauch

09:07:10 Sen. Cuffe

09:07:30 Sen. Ellis

09:08:04 Sen. Hinebauch

09:08:29 Sen. Lang joined the meeting.

09:08:40 Sen. Ellis

09:09:07 Mr. Flynn, MDT

09:09:49 Sen. Ankney

09:10:18 Chair Osmundson

09:10:22 Sen. Ankney

09:10:40 Sen. Glimm

09:11:15 Mr. Flynn

09:12:04 Sen. Flowers

09:12:38 Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.

09:12:49 Sen. Hinebauch

09:14:40 Sen. Flowers

09:14:57 Mr. Flynn

09:17:46 Sen. Flowers

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

09:17:49 Sen. Hinebauch

### **HEARING ON HB 260**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:19:28 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB260, Revise non-resident fishing license fees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:20:28 Mac Minnard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:21:19 Lena Havron, chief financial officer, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:21:52 Rep. Berglee

**HEARING ON SB 143**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:22:10 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB143, Generally revise laws re Class B-10 and Class B-11 elk and deer licenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:23:15 Chuck Rein, president, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:24:53 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fcs59a01\)](#)

09:25:32 Rachelle Schrute, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(fcs59a02\)](#)

09:26:23 Jake Schwaller, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

**Informational Testimony:**

09:28:42 Lena Havron, chief financial officer, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:29:10 Sen. Ankney

09:29:45 Sen. Ellsworth

09:30:59 Chair Osmundson

09:31:04 Sen. Jacobson

09:32:22 Chair Osmundson

09:32:30 Sen. Cuffe

09:32:41 Sen. Jacobson

09:32:47 Sen. Cuffe

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:33:05 Sen. Ellsworth

**HEARING ON SB 232****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:34:09 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB232, Revise laws related to highway patrol compensation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:38:03 Quint Nyman, deputy executive director, Montana Federation of Public Employees

09:38:46 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

09:40:11 Dan Smith, executive director, Montana Police Protective Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Witnesses:**

09:41:00 Bonnie Shoemaker, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:41:29 Chair Osmundson

09:41:43 Ms. Shoemaker, DOA

09:41:50 Chair Osmundson

09:42:02 Ms. Shoemaker

09:42:10 Chair Osmundson

09:42:14 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:43:19 Sen. Gauthier

09:43:37 Sen. Boldman left the meeting.

09:44:20 Chair Osmundson

09:44:40 Sen. Cuffe

09:45:27 Chair Osmundson

09:45:49 Sen. Ellis

09:46:20 Chair Osmundson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 49**

09:46:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 49 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Sen. Bogner and Sen. Glimm voting no. Sen. Howard voted by proxy. Sen. Boldman was excused. Sen. Boldman will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 252**

09:47:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 252 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Flowers, Sen. Glimm and Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Howard voted by proxy. Sen. O'Brien will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

09:49:50 Chair Osmundson  
09:49:51 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:50:03 Chair Osmundson  
09:50:11 Sen. Ellis  
09:50:21 Chair Osmundson  
09:50:48 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
09:50:43 Chair Osmundson  
09:51:23 Sen. Ellis  
09:51:38 Ms. Wilkinson  
09:51:49 Sen. Ellis  
09:52:07 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:52 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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