

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on April 6, 2021 at 11:00 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. 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

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:

Executive Action: SB 395, SB 407

11:01:58 Chair Fitzpatrick
11:02:43 Sen. Pope
11:02:57 Chair Fitzpatrick

11:03:06 Recess
11:11:13 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 395

11:11:18 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 395 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:11:33 Chair Fitzpatrick
11:12:01 Sen. Pope
11:12:49 Chair Fitzpatrick

11:13:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 407

11:14:07 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 407 DO PASS.**

11:14:31 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 407 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(bus65a01\)](#)

Discussion:

11:14:47 Erin Sullivan, Legislative Services Division

11:15:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth was excused.

11:15:35 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 407 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(bus65a02\)](#)

Discussion:

11:15:44 Sen. Gauthier
11:16:23 Sen. Boland
11:16:53 Chair Fitzpatrick
11:17:01 Sen. Pope
11:17:17 Sen. Gauthier

11:17:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth was excused.

11:17:37 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 407 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:17:48 Sen. Sweeney

- 11:18:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gauthier, Sen. Pope and Sen. Sweeney voting aye. Sen. Ellsworth voted by proxy.
- 11:18:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 407 BE TABLED**. 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.
- 11:19:29 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:20 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus65aad.pdf](#))