

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 7, 2021 at 8:01 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. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (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. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Heather Vande-Sandt, 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 632, 4/1/2021; SB 333, 4/6/2021  
Executive Action: SB 333 Do Pass

08:01:39 Chair Osmundson

**HEARING ON SB 333**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:08:46 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), , opened the hearing on SB333, Generally revise drug and human trafficking laws.

**Proponents Testimony:**

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs66a01\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:12:27 Sen. Cuffe

08:13:43 Sen. Molnar

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:14:36 Sen. Molnar

**HEARING ON HB 632**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:15:16 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB632, Implement receipt of and appropriate federal stimulus and COVID recovery funds.

Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.

**Infrastructure:**

08:19:45 Rep. Bartel

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs66a02\)](#)**

08:24:31 Chair Osmundson

08:24:38 Sen. Keenan

08:24:57 Chair Osmundson

08:25:49 Sen. Kary

08:26:11 Sen. Ellis

08:26:15 Chair Osmundson

**Healthcare and Department of Justice:**

08:26:41 Rep. Regier

**Education**

08:33:04 Rep. Bedey

**Long Range Planning and Infrastructure:**

08:46:44 Rep. Garner

08:51:56 Chair Osmundson

**Agency comments:**

08:52:22 Kurt Alme, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
08:58:39 Misty Ann Giles, director, Department of Administration  
09:00:40 Amanda Kaster, director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
09:03:56 Chris Dorrington, director, Department of Environmental Quality  
09:05:10 Adam Meier, director, Department of Public Health and Human Services  
09:08:08 Laurie Esau, commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a03)**

09:09:32 Scott Osterman, director, Department of Commerce  
09:12:13 Mike Foster, director, Department of Agriculture

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a04)**

09:17:12 Malcolm Long, director, Department of Transportation  
09:18:25 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction  
09:23:39 Jennie Stapp, state librarian, Montana State Library  
09:26:44 Clayton Christian, commissioner of higher education, Montana University System  
09:28:06 Beth McLaughlin, Judicial Branch  
09:29:22 Brock Tessman, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:29:48 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties  
09:32:54 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
09:34:35 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association  
09:39:17 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited  
09:40:30 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association  
09:42:29 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts  
09:44:13 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a05)**

09:47:30 Liz Moore, Montana Nonprofit Association  
09:48:47 Chris Kukulski, city administrator, Billings  
09:49:33 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
09:50:11 Duane Pressinger, Montana Hospital Association  
09:50:47 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

09:58:23 Chair Osmundson left the meeting and Vice Chair Cuffe assumed the Chair.

09:58:33 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association  
10:07:16 Brie MacLaurin, Healthy Mothers Health Babies

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a06)**

10:10:38 Kim Mangold, Montana Farmers Union

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a07)**

10:12:53 Jennifer Patrick, Milk River Joint Board of Control

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a08)**

10:16:52 Wade Jones, Malta Irrigation District  
 10:19:32 Lorraine Clarno, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a09)**

10:21:15 Patrick Maddison, Montana Association of Community Disability Services  
 10:24:01 Chair Osmundson joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.  
 10:26:29 Jeff Pattison, Valley County Conservation District; Milk River Watershed Alliance  
 10:32:58 Sidney Fitzpatrick, commissioner, Big Horn County  
 10:37:06 Greg Jergeson, City of Chinook  
 10:39:35 Marko Manoukian, St. Mary Rehabilitation Working Group  
 10:42:35 Jean Branscum, chief executive officer, Montana Medical Association

Additional Testimony Received:

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a10)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:50:04 Geoff Feiss, general manager, Montana Telecommunications Association  
 10:57:26 Mark Baker, Charter Communications  
 10:59:05 Shane Scanlon, AT&T  
 10:59:46 Chair Osmundson  
 10:59:57 Rep. Garner

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:01:38 Sen. Lang

**EXHIBIT(fcs66a11)**

11:02:32 Sen. Cuffe  
 11:05:11 Rep. Garner  
 11:05:56 Sen. Flowers  
 11:10:35 Rep. Garner  
 11:10:55 Sen. Ellis  
 11:19:54 Rep. Garner  
 11:19:59 Sen. McNally  
 11:21:01 Rep. Garner  
 11:22:31 Sen. Lynch  
 11:27:25 Rep. Garner  
 11:28:17 Sen. Ellis  
 11:28:59 Rep. Garner  
 11:29:57 Sen. Welborn left the meeting.  
 11:29:59 Sen. Flowers  
 11:30:42 Rep. Garner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:32:11 Rep. Garner

11:34:41 Chair Osmundson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 333**

11:35:19 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 333 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

11:35:56 Sen. Lynch

11:36:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Ankney, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Kary, Sen. Osmundson, Sen. Salomon and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Welborn voted by proxy.

11:37:19 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:38 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs66aad.pdf](#))**