

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on April 15, 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. 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)  
Sen. Cary Smith (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: HB 705 - Be Concurred in as Amended  
SR 92 - Be Adopted

11:01:42 Chair Fitzpatrick  
11:01:57 Sen. Boland  
11:02:06 Chair Fitzpatrick

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 705**

11:02:14 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 705 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
11:02:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 705 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT(bus72a01)**

11:02:45 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 705 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:02:55 Sen. Gillespie

11:03:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Small and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 92**

11:03:33 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 92 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

11:03:45 Sen. Boland

11:04:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope and Sen. Sweeney voting no. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Small and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

11:04:59 Chair Fitzpatrick

11:05:36 Sen. Vance

11:05:49 Sen. Boland

11:06:27 Sen. Small entered the meeting.

11:06:51 Chair Fitzpatrick

11:07:01 Sen. Boland

11:07:16 Chair Fitzpatrick

11:07:19 Sen. Boland

11:07:33 Chair Fitzpatrick

11:08:10 Sen. Pope

11:08:23 Chair Fitzpatrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:09 A.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([bus72aad.pdf](#))