

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 22, 2021 at 9:09 A.M., 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. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Mary McNally (D)
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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 235, 4/21/2021; HB 522, 4/21, 2021; HB 704, 4/21/2021; HB 191, 4/21/2021;
Executive Action: HB 279, HB 686, HB 693 Be Concurred In As Amended

09:09:28 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:09:37 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB235, Create nutrition incentive program for SNAP participants.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:11:50 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union
09:12:32 Ian Finch, Community Food and Agriculture Coalition
09:14:08 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:15:53 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:32 Rep. Welch

HEARING ON HB 522

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:17:16 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB522, Create the Montana military strategic and economic task force.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:19:40 Roger Hagan, Montana Air and Army National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations; Montana American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:21:28 Sen. Ellis
09:21:54 Rep. Buttrey
09:22:00 Sen. Ellis
09:22:11 Rep. Buttrey
09:22:32 Sen. Lang
09:23:24 Mr. Hagen

Closing by Sponsor:

09:24:35 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 704**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:26:41 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB704, Generally revise state lottery laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:28:12 John Hayes, Montana Board of Horse Racing, Cascade County Tavern Association, Great Falls Turf Club
09:29:47 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association
09:30:57 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association
09:31:44 Tom Tucker, executive secretary, Montana Board of Horse Racing

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:33:27 Rep. Buttrey

09:34:22 Chair Osmundson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 686

09:35:30 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 686 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:36:06 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 686 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs77a01)

09:36:56 Sen. Lynch joined the meeting.

Discussion:

09:37:55 Chair Osmundson

09:38:04 Sen. Keenan

09:38:40 Sen. Cuffe

09:38:58 Sen. Keenan

09:39:24 Sen. McNally

09:39:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman voted by proxy.

09:40:09 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 686 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs77a02)

Discussion:

09:40:22 Sen. Glimm

09:41:04 Sen. Jacobson

09:41:34 Sen. Glimm

09:42:17 Sen. Ellis
 09:43:09 Chair Osmundson
 09:43:26 Sen. Glimm

09:44:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Boldman voted by proxy.

09:44:58 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 686 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a03\)](#)

Discussion:

09:45:34 Sen. Ellis
 09:46:32 Sen. Welborn
 09:47:34 Sen. Glimm

09:48:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 686 BE AMENDED.** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard, Sen. Kary, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Lang, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. C. Smith voting aye. Sen. Boldman voted by proxy.

09:49:31 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 686 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a04\)](#)

Discussion:

09:50:49 Sen. Lang
 09:50:58 Sen. Glimm
 09:51:47 Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 09:51:54 Chair Osmundson
 09:52:18 Ms. Johnson, LFD
 09:52:23 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
 09:53:55 Sen. Glimm
 09:54:09 Sen. Ellis
 09:54:48 Sen. McNally
 09:55:09 Ms. Wilkinson

09:55:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

09:57:01 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 686 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a05\)](#)

Discussion:

09:57:53 Sen. Jacobson
 09:58:13 Sen. Glimm
 09:58:42 Sen. Keenan

09:59:26 Sen. Glimm, Sen. Kary and Sen. Howard left the meeting.

09:59:50 Ms. Wilkinson
09:59:56 Ms. Johnson
10:00:10 Chair Osmundson
10:00:15 Ms. Johnson
10:00:47 Sen. Ellis
10:01:17 Ms. Johnson
10:01:26 Sen. Jacobson
10:02:13 Chair Osmundson
10:02:44 Sen. Keenan
10:03:48 Sen. Lynch
10:04:08 Chair Osmundson
10:04:18 Sen. Lynch
10:04:37 Sen. Keenan
10:04:57 Ms. Wilkinson
10:05:16 Ms. Johnson
10:05:25 Sen. Lynch

10:05:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard and Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

10:05:42 Sen. Boldman joined the meeting and Sen. Jacobson left the meeting..

10:06:16 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 686 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a06\)](#)

Discussion:

10:06:28 Chair Osmundson
10:06:46 Ms. Johnson

10:07:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard and Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

10:08:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 686 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. Kary voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 279

10:09:33 Jared Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a07\)](#)

10:14:35 Sen. Glimm and Sen. Kary joined the meeting.

10:19:06 Sen. Howard joined the meeting.

10:20:10 Pad McCracken. LSD
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a08\)](#)

10:23:13 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 279 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:23:22 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **HB 279 BE AMENDED.** (Exhibit 7)

Discussion:

10:23:38 Sen. Ellis
10:24:17 Mr. Coles, LSD

10:25:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

10:25:58 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **HB 279 BE AMENDED.** (Exhibit 8)

Discussion:

10:26:06 Sen. Salomon
10:26:57 Chair Osmundson

10:27:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

10:27:41 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 279 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:27:56 Sen. Flowers
10:28:45 Sen. Salomon
10:29:21 Sen. Ellis
10:30:23 Sen. Salomon
10:31:15 Chair Osmundson

10:31:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 693

10:32:19 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 693 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:32:29 **Motion:** Sen. Lynch moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a09\)](#)

Discussion:

10:32:58 Chair Osmundson
10:33:21 Sen. Boldman
10:33:31 Sen. Lynch

10:33:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

10:34:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lynch moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a10\)](#)

10:34:43 **Motion:** Sen. Lynch moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a11\)](#)

Discussion:

10:34:56 Sen. Lynch

10:35:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

10:35:56 **Motion:** Sen. Lynch moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a12\)](#)

Discussion:

10:37:02 Chair Osmundson

10:37:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

10:37:22 **Motion:** Sen. Lynch moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a13\)](#)

10:38:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

10:39:06 **Motion:** Sen. Lynch moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a14\)](#)

Discussion:

10:39:14 Sen. Lynch

10:39:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

10:40:07 **Motion:** Sen. Lynch moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a15\)](#)

Discussion:

10:40:18 Sen. Lynch

10:40:42 Chair Osmundson

10:41:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

10:41:21 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **HB 693 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a16\)](#)

Sen. Lang left the meeting.

Discussion:

10:41:41 Sen. Ankney

10:44:49 Sen. Ellis

10:45:33 Chair Osmundson

10:46:36 Sen. Ellis

10:46:43 Chair Osmundson

10:46:58 Sen. Ellis

10:49:48 Sen. Boldman

10:50:08 Sen. Ankney

10:50:24 Sen. Boldman
 10:50:50 Sen. Ankney
 10:52:01 Sen. Cuffe
 10:50:57 Sen. Ankney
 10:53:02 Sen. Cuffe
 10:53:08 Sen. Ankney
 10:53:14 Sen. Flowers
 10:54:12 Sen. Ankney
 10:54:53 Sen. Boldman
 10:55:43 Sen. Ankney
 10:56:50 Sen. Boldman
 10:57:01 Sen. Ellis
 10:57:13 Chair Osmundson
 10:57:18 Sen. Ellis
 10:57:27 Chair Osmundson

10:57:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

10:58:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 693 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. Lang voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 191

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:00:05 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB191, Revise residential property tax credit for elderly.

11:01:45 Sen. Jacobson joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:02:56 Sen. Brian Hoven, SD 13
 11:06:56 Brendan Beatty, Department of Revenue (DOR)
 11:07:55 Brian Wolden, DOR

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:09:10 Sen. Keenan

Closing by Sponsor:

11:09:59 Rep. Hopkins

11:11:28 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:12 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs77aad.pdf](#))