

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 23, 2021 at 10:00 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. 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. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

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

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 637, 4/22/2021; HB 661, 4/22/2021; HB 660, 4/22/2021;  
HB 681, 4/22/2021

Executive Action: HB 191 Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 235 Be Concurred In; HB 522  
Be Concurred In; HB 704 Be Concurred In; HB 637 Be Concurred In; HB 660 Be Concurred In  
As Amended; HB 681 Be Concurred In.

10:08:49 Chair Osmundson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 191**

10:11:02 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 191 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:11:10 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 191 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs78a01)**

**Discussion:**

10:11:29 Jaret Coles, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

10:17:42 Sen. Flowers

10:18:05 Chair Osmundson

10:18:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:18:23 Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.

10:18:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 191 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hoven will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 235**

10:19:09 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 235 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:19:23 Chair Osmundson

10:19:26 Sen. Glimm

10:20:10 Sen. Salomon

10:20:29 Sen. McNally

10:20:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-9 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 no. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 522**

10:21:51 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 522 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:21:59 Chair Osmundson

10:22:07 **Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 522 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Fox will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 704**

10:23:03 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 704 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:23:12 Sen. Lang

10:23:39 Sen. Welborn

10:24:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by voice vote with Sen. Howard, Sen. Keenan and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Bogner will carry the bill.

10:25:14 Chair Osmundson

10:25:24 Recess

10:42:14 Reconvened

10:42:19 Chair Osmundson

**HEARING ON HB 637****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:42:31 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB637, Generally revise fish, wildlife, and parks laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:43:19 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association

10:44:07 Lena Havron, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:45:12 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

10:46:39 Eric Melson, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)

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

10:48:10 Sen. Ellis

10:50:05 Ms. Havron, FWP

10:50:41 Sen. Ellis

10:50:57 Ms. Havron

10:51:15 Sen. Ellis

10:51:36 Sen. Kary

10:52:30 Mr. Melson, BHA

10:52:39 Sen. Jacobson

10:53:15 Ms. Havron

10:53:47 Sen. Flowers

10:54:15 Rep. Berglee

10:55:13 Sen. Flowers

10:55:46 Rep. Berglee

10:56:07 Sen. Ellis

10:56:23 Ms. Havron  
 10:57:10 Sen. Ellis  
 10:57:36 Ms. Havron  
 10:58:05 Sen. Ellis  
 10:58:08 Sen. Jacobson  
 10:58:29 Ms. Havron

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:58:58 Rep. Berglee

**HEARING ON HB 661**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:00:36 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB661, Revise taxation of stripper oil and gas wells.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

11:01:35 Patrick Montalban, Montalban Oil & Gas Operations, Inc., Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA); National Stripper Well Association (NSWA); Domestic Energy Partners Alliance (DEPA)

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11:13:20 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association  
  
 Sen. Howard left the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:16:35 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties  
 11:21:53 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

**Informational Testimony:**

11:24:38 Dylan Cole, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:25:02 Sen. Ellis  
 11:25:26 Mr. Cole  
 11:26:11 Sen. Ellis  
 11:26:58 Mr. Montalban, NMOGA, NSWA, DEPA  
 11:28:47 Sen. Ellis  
 11:29:10 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:29:35 Rep. Kassmier

**HEARING ON HB 660**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:31:09 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB660, Funding for Made in Montana program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

11:32:00 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana Cattlewomen  
11:34:30 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
11:35:17 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:35:54 Sen. Flowers  
11:36:47 Rep. Kassmier  
11:37:35 Sen. Ellis  
11:38:16 Rep. Kassmier  
11:38:47 Chair Osmundson  
11:39:04 Rep. Kassmier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:39:20 Rep. Kassmier

**HEARING ON HB 681**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:39:47 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB681, Create agricultural transportation enhancement account for port authorities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

11:40:32 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
11:41:29 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association  
11:42:07 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
11:42:45 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

11:43:29 Christy Clark, deputy director, Department of Agriculture

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:43:57 Sen. Lynch  
11:44:18 Rep. Kassmier  
11:44:34 Chair Osmundson  
11:44:47 Rep. Kassmier  
11:45:14 Chair Osmundson  
11:45:19 Rep. Kassmier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:45:24 Rep. Kassmier

11:46:33 Recess

Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe, and Sen. Jacobson left the meeting.

12:03:10 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 637**

12:03:25 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 637 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

12:03:35 Sen. Flowers

12:03:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 660**

12:04:43 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 660 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:04:52 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 660 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs78a04)**

**Discussion:**

12:05:07 Sen. Ankney

12:05:40 Chair Osmundson

12:05:49 Sen. Lynch

12:06:07 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

12:06:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved to **STRIKE "MONTANA MADE PRODUCTS" AND INSERT " OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES."** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

12:06:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 660 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Ankney and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 681**

12:07:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 681 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy. Sen. Gillespie will carry the bill.

12:08:11 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:08 P.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs78aad.pdf](#))**