

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

Call to Order: Chair Cary Smith, on April 27, 2021 at 4:45 P.M., in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Cary Smith, Chair (R)
Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Stephan Licitra, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: SJ 1 - Amended

Recommended Adoption of the Free Conference Committee Report

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SJ 1

16:47:29 Chair Smith

16:47:53 **Motion:** Chair Smith moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(frs80sj0001a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(frs80sj0001a02\)](#)

Discussion:

16:48:42 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:48:53 Chair Smith

16:50:41 Rep. Skees

16:51:07 Chair Smith

16:51:20 Sen. Fitzpatrick

16:51:40 Rep. Skees

16:51:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Bennett voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Farris-Olsen voting no.

16:52:24 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(frs80sj0001a03\)](#)

Discussion:

16:52:34 Rep. Skees

16:53:38 Sen. Bennett

16:54:18 Rep. Skees

16:55:30 Sen. Fitzpatrick

16:55:59 Chair Smith

16:57:20 Rep. Skees

16:57:35 Chair Smith

16:57:38 Sen. Fitzpatrick

16:57:47 Without objection, Rep. Skees withdrew the **BE AMENDED** motion.

Discussion:

16:58:03 Rep. C. Knudsen

16:58:19 Chair Smith

16:59:23 Sen. Fitzpatrick

16:59:40 **Motion:** Chair Smith moved that **SJ 1 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:59:54 Sen. Bennett

17:00:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Bennett voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Farris-Olsen voting no.

17:01:08 Chair Smith

Note: In lieu of motion, the signed committee report indicates that a majority of committee members in the House and in the Senate recommend that the free conference committee report be adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:02 P.M.

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([frs80sj0001aad.pdf](#))