

PETITION OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE FOR A CALL OF SPECIAL SESSION

WHEREAS, Article VIII, section 9, of the Montana Constitution requires a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, the Governor called a special session of the Sixty-Fifth Legislature to convene on November 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Governor submitted legislation to be considered in a special session by the Sixty-Fifth Legislature while also potentially limiting the ability of the Sixty-Fifth Legislature to revise the legislation based on the narrow call; and

WHEREAS, the Sixty-Fifth Legislature needs additional flexibility to revise the Governor's legislation or introduce new legislation for the purpose of balancing the budget and providing budget stability; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of all Montanans that the Legislature consider legislation that balances the budget; and

WHEREAS, Article V, section 6, of the Montana Constitution and section 5-3-101, MCA, provide that the Legislature may be convened in special session at the request of a majority of the members.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE UNDERSIGNED, being a majority of the members of the Sixty-Fifth Legislature, pursuant to Article V, section 6, of the Montana Constitution and section 5-3-101, MCA, hereby convene the Sixty-Fifth Legislature into special session in Helena to run concurrently with the special session beginning November 14, 2017, called by the Governor.

The special session hereby convened shall consider legislation to repeal certain individual income tax credits and corporate income tax credits and use the estimated additional revenue for:

- (1) transfers to the fire suppression account;
- (2) transfers to the budget stabilization reserve fund;
- (3) school block grants; and
- (4) local emergency services.

House

1. Anderson
2. Ballance
3. Bartel
4. Beard
5. Berglee
6. Brodehl
7. Brown, B.
8. Cook
9. Cuffe
10. Doane
11. Ehli
12. Essmann
13. Fitzgerald
14. Flynn
15. Galt
16. Greef
17. Gunderson
18. Harris
19. Hertz, A.
20. Hertz, G.
21. Holmlund
22. Hopkins
23. Jones
24. Knokey
25. Knudsen, A.
26. Knudsen, C.
27. Lavin
28. Lenz
29. Loge
30. Mandeville
31. Manzella
32. McKamey
33. Mortensen
34. Noland
35. O'Hara
36. Patelis
37. Redfield
38. Regier
39. Ricci
40. Rosendale
41. Sales
42. Shaw
43. Sheldon-Galloway

44. Skees
45. Staffanson
46. Trebas
47. Tschida
48. Usher
49. Vinton
50. Wagoner
51. Webb
52. Welch
53. White
54. Zolnikov

Senate

55. Blasdel
56. Brown
57. Connell
58. Fielder
59. Fitzpatrick
60. Gauthier
61. Howard
62. Jones
63. Kary
64. Keenan
65. Lang
66. Moore
67. Olszewski
68. Osmondson
69. Regier
70. Richmond
71. Salomon
72. Small
73. Smith, C.
74. Swandal
75. Vance
76. Vincent
77. Webb
78. Welborn