

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT MEETING OF SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS
AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on January 4, 2007 at
2:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman, (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice-Chair, (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin (D)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)

Rep. William Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John Musgrove (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Joey Jayne (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
John Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division

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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:

Hearing & Date Posted: Joint Meeting - Governor's Budget

00:00:03 Chairman Trudi Schmidt

00:00:19 Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

00:01:46 Sen. Dave Lewis to Clayton Schenck

00:04:12 Sen. Steve Gallus

00:04:37 Sen. Dave Lewis

00:05:02 Sen. Steve Gallus

00:05:31 Sen. Trudi Schmidt

00:05:48 Sen. Rick Laible to Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:10:31 Sen. Greg Barkus to David Ewer, Budget Director

00:15:16 Sen. Dave Lewis to David Ewer

00:16:27 Rep. Jon Sesso to Clayton Schenck

00:22:06 Rep. Dave Kasten to Clayton Schenck

00:24:43 Rep. Eve Franklin to David Ewer

00:30:59 Sen. Dave Lewis to David Ewer

00:32:32 Sen. Rick Laible to Clayton Schenck

00:39:33 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:42:40 Sen. Rick Laible

00:43:08 Chairman John Sinrud to David Ewer

00:48:41 Rep. John Sinrud to Terry Johnson

00:50:08 Rep. Janna Taylor to Terry Johnson

00:50:27 Terry Johnson

00:51:28 Sen. Mike Cooney to David Ewer

00:54:07 Rep. Dave Kasten to David Ewer

00:56:11 Rep. Rick Ripley to David Ewer

00:58:28 Rep. Janna Taylor to Clayton Schenck

00:58:58 Clayton Schenck
00:59:08 Terry Johnson
01:00:41 Janna Taylor to David Ewer
01:00:59 David Ewer
01:01:35 Amy Sessano, Budget Office
01:02:29 Rep. Penny Morgan to David Ewer

Global Fiscal Issues

01:09:07 Rep. Eve Franklin
01:09:23 Chairman Trudi Schmidt
01:09:39 Rep. John Sinrud
01:09: **Motion: Rep. Sinrud moved to not accept proxies.**

Discussion:

01:10:39 Sen. Steve Gallus
01:11:18 Rep. Dave Kasten
01:12:07 Sen. Steve Gallus
01:12:41 Sen. Trudi Schmidt
01:14:41 Greg Petesch, Legislative Counsel
01:15:22 Sen. Mike Cooney
01:15:50 Greg Petesch
01:16:05 Sen. Mike Cooney
01:16:28 Greg Petesch
01:16:52 Rep. William Glaser
01:18:03 Greg Petesch
01:18:40 Rep. Janna Taylor
01:19:03 **Substitute Motion: Rep. Gallus moved a substitute motion to table and that proxy votes be included.**

01:19:42 Rep. William Glaser
01:19:48 Greg Petesch
01:20:29 Sen. Gallus withdrew motion.
01:21:49 Sen. John Cobb
01:22:14 Greg Petesch
01:22:25 Rep. John Sinrud
01:22:37 Sen. Steve Gallus
01:22:51 Rep. John Sinrud
01:23:39 Sen. Trudi Schmidt
01:23:46 Sen. Lane Larsen
01:24:29 Sen. Rick Laible
01:24:54 Greg Petesch
01:25:20 Sen. Mike Cooney
01:25:36 Rep. Eve Franklin
01:27:59 Sen. Steve Gallus
01:29:35 Rep. John Sinrud
01:29:52 Greg Petesch
01:30:31 Rep. John Sinrud
01:30:37 Sen. Trudi Schmidt
01:31:14 Rep. Eve Franklin
01:31:47 Greg Petesch
01:32:23 Rep. Penny Morgan
01:32:52 Rep. John Sinrud
01:33:10 Greg Petesch
01:33:29 Rep. John Sinrud

01:33:40 Sen. Steve Gallus

01:34:00 Greg Petesch

01:34:20 Sen. Steve Gallus

01:34:27 Greg Petesch

01:34:40 Sen. Trudi Schmidt

01:34:58 Sen. Steve Gallus

01:35:52 Rep. John Sinrud restated motion

01:35:7 **Vote: Motion failed 18-19 by roll call vote.**

01:40:07 Sen. Greg Lind

01:40:19 Clayton Schenck

EXHIBIT (fcs02a01)

01:49:30 Taryn Purdy

EXHIBIT (fcs02a02)

01:57:36 **Motion: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 1 BE ADOPTED.**

02:00:00 Taryn Purdy

02:00:23 Rep. John Sinrud to Terry Johnson

02:01:36 Sen. Rick Laible to Terry Johnson

02:07:27 Sen. Rick Laible to Clayton Schenck

02:10:33 Sen. John Cobb

02:11:42 Rep. John Sinrud

02:11:56 **Vote: Motion failed 19-19 by roll call vote with Rep. Jayne voting yes by proxy.**

02:17:17 Rep. John Sinrud

02:17:35 Taryn Purdy

02:19:28 David Ewer

02:20:42 Sen. Trudi Schmidt

02:21:06 Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 2 BE ADOPTED.
Motion carried 37-1 by voice vote with Rep. Morgan
voting no.

02:24:01 Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved that OPTION 3(A) DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:24:40 Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 4: OPTION A BE
ADOPTED. Motion passed 29-7 with Cooney, Bales,
Musgrove, Morgan, Witte, Wells, Hawk voting no.

02:26:15 Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 5 DO PASS.
Motion carried with Rep. Morgan and Rep. Hawk voting
no.

02:27:00 Sen. Steve Gallus

02:27:46 Motion/Vote: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 6 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

02:29:15 Motion: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 7 OPTION C DO PASS.

02:29:32 Taryn Purdy

02:30:06 Sen. John Cobb

02:30:42 Rep. Eve Franklin

02:31:37 Clayton Schenck

02:33:03 Sen. Carol Williams

02:33:43 Vote: Motion carried 37-1 with Rep. Franklin voting no.

02:33:59 Motion: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 8 DO PASS.

02:34:32 Taryn Purdy

02:35:00 Vote: Motion carried unanimously

02:36:09 Motion: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 10 DO PASS.

02:37:13 Vote: Motion carried 37-1 with Sen. Larsen voting no.

02:37:43 Motion: SEN. COBB moved that ITEM 11 DO PASS.

02:39:30 Sen. Mike Cooney

02:41:09 Rep. Eve Franklin

02:42:44 Sen. John Cobb

02:43:22 **Vote: Motion carried 37-1 with Rep. Sesso voting no.**

02:44:08 Sen. John Cobb to Clayton Schenck

02:47:56 **Motion: SEN. COBB moved to use the 2006 BASE.**

02:48:31 Rep. John Sinrud

02:48:54 Rep. Penny Morgan

02:49:41 Clayton Schenck

02:51:27 **Substitute Motion: Sen. Gallus moved a substitute motion to reconsider action on Item 1 and add 2006 as base.**

02:52:06 Rep. John Sinrud

02:52:38 Taryn Purdy

02:53:02 Sen. Steve Gallus

02:53:32 Rep. John Sinrud

02:53:53 Clayton Schenck

02:54:40 **Motion: Sen. Gallus moved to add the year 2006 to his motion.**

02:55:05 Clayton Schenck.

02:55:20 Sen. Steve Gallus

02:55:38 Chairman Trudi Schmidt

02:56:12 **Vote: Motion failed 19-19 by roll call vote.**

02:58:46 **Motion: SEN. COBB moved to take statutorily defined base 2006 budget.**

02:59:48 Sen. Mike Cooney to Clayton Schenck

03:04:09 Sen. Mike Cooney

03:07:19 Sen. Keith Bales to Clayton Schenck

03:10:49 Sen. John Cobb withdrew his motion

03:11:15 Clayton Schenck

03:11:34 Chairman Trudi Schmidt

03:11:43 Rep. Bill Glaser

03:13:28 Chairman Trudi Schmidt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:51 P.M.

CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs02aad.pdf](#))