

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on January 11, 2007 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317-C 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
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 55, 1/8/2007; SB 12, 1/8/2007
Executive Action: SB 66; SB 69; SB 37

00:00:01 Chairman Trudi Schmidt introduced Taryn Purdy,
Legislative Fiscal Division for a presentation
regarding vacancy savings.

00:00:35 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:00:56 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division

EXHIBIT(fcs07a01)

00:03:41 Taryn Purdy

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:49 Sen. Dave Lewis to Taryn Purdy

00:05:35 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:14:48 Sen. John Cobb to Taryn Purdy

00:17:00 Sen. Rick Laible to Taryn Purdy

00:20:51 Sen. Dan Weinberg of Taryn Purdy

00:21:50 Taryn Purdy

HEARING ON SB 55

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:50 **SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10**, opened the hearing on **SB 55**,
Revise use of mineral royalties purchased with coal tax
loan.

EXHIBIT(fcs07a02)

EXHIBIT(fcs07a03)

Proponents:

00:30:47 Joe Lamson for Superintendent Linda McCulloch, Office
of Public Instruction

00:33:58 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

00:35:08 Jan Lombardi, Education Advisor, Governor's Office

00:37:25 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:39:01 Monte Mason, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

00:39:44 Tom O'Connell. Administrator, Architectural and
Engineering Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:24 Sen. Lewis to Amy Carlson, Budget Office

00:41:16 Sen. Laible to Sen. Don Ryan

00:46:15 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Don Ryan

00:47:03 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Don Ryan

00:47:53 Sen. Ryan re-referred to Monte Mason, DNRC

00:49:46 Sen. Stapleton to Monte Mason, DNRC

00:53:05 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Ryan closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:47 **SEN. CAROL WILLIAMS (D), SD 46**, opened the hearing on
SB 12, Revise community college funding.

Proponents:

00:57:25 Jane Harris, President, Flathead Valley Community
College

00:59:05 Stephanie Hicswa, Miles Community College

01:00:53 Jim Carsill, Dawson Community College

01:00:23 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

01:01:38 Sen. Rick Laible, SD 44, Victor

01:03:26 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

01:05:27 Carl Schweitzer, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

01:06:08 Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Carol Williams closed on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 66

01:07:20 Motion/Vote: SEN. WANZENRIED moved SB 66 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69

01:07:51 Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 69 DO PASS.

01:07:53 Sen. Wanzenreid

01:09:10 Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with SEN. COBB voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 37

00:09:34 Motion: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 37 DO PASS.

01:09:56 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

[EXHIBIT](#) (fcs07a04)

01:10:52 Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved that AMENDMENT SB003701.asb BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:10:46 Motion/Vote: SEN. COONEY moved that SB 37 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:12 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs07aad.pdf](#))