

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on January 16, 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

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. 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: SB 6, 1/8/2007; SB 65, 1/8/2007

Executive Action: None.

00:00:03

**HEARING ON SB 6**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:28 **SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SB 6**, Airplane pilot death benefit for wildfire related death.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:18 Jan Turner

00:08:19 Christi Turner

00:14:28 Lynn Kelly

00:16:07 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association

00:17:28 Roger Hagen

00:18:03 Dan Antonietti, Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:18:47 Ted Mead, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:19:17 Jerry Meyer, Forest Service Liaison to State Government

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:17 Sen. Hansen

00:20:50 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Dan Weinberg

00:28:01 Christi Turner

00:29:02 Sen. Weinberg to Christi Turner

00:30:36 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Weinberg

00:32:29 Sen. Lind to Sen. Weinberg

00:33:09 Sen. Laible to Jerry Meyer, Forest Service

00:37:18 Sen. Cooney to Sen. Weinberg

00:39:30 Sen. Barkus to Doug Neil, MSFA

00:40:12 Sen. Barkus to Ted Mead, DNRC

00:42:21 Sen. Bales to Ted Mead, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:44:51 Sen. Dan Weinberg closed on the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 65**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:05 **SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9**, opened the hearing on **SB 65**,  
Restrict transfers to health and medicaid initiatives  
account.

**EXHIBIT** (fcs10a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:51:45 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:06 Sen. Lind to Sen. Cobb

00:54:10 Sen. Laible for Sen. Cobb

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:37 Sen. John Cobb closed on the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:57 P.M.

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SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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