

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on January 25, 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 Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 10, 1/22/2007; HB 42, 1/22/2007

Executive Action: HB 10; HB 42; SB 6; SB 4

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:23 **REP. EVE FRANKLIN (D), HD 24**, opened the hearing on **HB 10**, Supplemental appropriation for fire suppression.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:18 Ann Bachman, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

EXHIBIT(fcs17a01)

00:04:17 Amy Sassano, Budget Office

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:48 Sen. Laible to Bob Harrington, Forestry Division Administrator, DNRC

00:08:23 Sen. Cooney to Amy Sassano, Budget Office

00:09:04 Sen. Bales to Amy Sassano, Budget Office

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:28 Rep. Eve Franklin closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:21 **REP. BILL MCCHESENEY (D), HD 40**, opened the hearing on **HB 42**, Extend bond validating act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:30 Paul Christofferson, Department of Administration

00:12:32 Joe Mazurek, D.A. Davidson & Co.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:31 Sen. Bales to Paul Christofferson, Department of
Administration

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:27 Rep. McChesney closed on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 10

00:15:08 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. HAWKS moved that HB 10 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 42

00:15:52 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COONEY moved that HB 42 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 6

00:17:07 **Motion:** SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB 6 DO PASS.

00:17:37 **Motion:** SEN. WEINBERG moved that AMENDMENT
SB000602.atp BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs17a02)

Discussion:

00:18:05 Sen. Weinberg

00:18:25 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:18:55 Sen. Weinberg

00:19:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:19:34 **Motion:** SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB 6 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:19:45 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Dan Weinberg
00:22:38 Sen. Lewis
00:23:17 Sen. Laible
00:23:57 Sen. Weinberg
00:25:29 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Dan Weinberg
00:27:30 Sen. Barkus to Bob Harrington, Forestry Division
Administrator
00:27:53 Sen. Keith Bales to Bob Harrington, Forestry Division
Administrator
00:30:20 Sen. Weinberg
00:32:06 Sen. Lind to Sen. Keith Bales
00:33:27 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Keith Bales
00:35:18 Bob Harrington, Forestry Division Administrator
00:36:15 Sen. Laible
00:37:24 Sen. Cooney
00:38:17 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:39:11 Bob Harrington, Forestry Division Administrator
00:40:25 Sen. Weinberg
00:41:24 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:42:34 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Dan Weinberg
00:45:25 Sen. Schmidt
00:45:34 Sen. Weinberg withdrew his motion as amended.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 4

00:46:11 **Motion:** SEN. HAWKS moved that SB 4 DO PASS.
00:46:33 **Motion:** SEN. HAWKS moved that AMENDMENT SB000401.ATP
BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs17a03)

Discussion:

00:46:50 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:47:27 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

00:47:45 **Motion: SEN. HAWKS moved that SB 4 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:47:58 Sen. Bales to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:50:31 Sen. Barkus to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:51:15 Sen. Laible to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:51:59 Sen. Weinberg to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal
Division

00:53:33 Sen. Brueggeman

00:55:22 Sen. Weinberg

00:57:04 Sen. Laible

00:58:06 Sen. Schmidt to Sen. Dan Weinberg

00:59:19 **Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved a CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT
that the recycling would be put back in as a
possibility for the money.**

Discussion:

01:00:52 Sen. Wanzenreid to Taryn Purdy

01:01:39 Sen. Cooney to Sen. John Brueggeman

00:02:53 **Vote: Motion failed 3-15 by voice vote.**

00:03:22 **Vote: Motion that SB 4 DO PASS as amended carried 17-2
by voice vote with SEN. BALES and SEN. BARKUS voting
no.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:08 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs17aad.pdf](#))