

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on February 1, 2007 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317-B 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: SB 112, 1/26/2007; SB 22,
1/26/2007; HB 241, 1/26/2007
Executive Action: SB 55; SB 75; SB 6; SB 22

00:00:01

HEARING ON SB 112

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:25 **SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42**, opened the hearing on **SB 112**, Certain free hunting/fishing privileges for resident purple heart recipients.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:13 Trapper Badovinac

EXHIBIT(fcs22a01)

00:05:02 Colonel Jim Jacobson, retired

00:06:01 Robert Throssel, Montana Wildlife Association

00:06:59 Chris Smith, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fcs22a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:58 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:09:39 Sen. Laible to Chris Smith, FWP

00:11:23 Sen. Hawks to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:12:15 Sen. Hawks to Chris Smith, FWP

00:12:43 Sen. Cobb to Chris Smith, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:05 Sen. Lewis closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:38 **SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SB 22**, Allow expansion of CHIP eligibility up to 175% of federal poverty level.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:02 Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Policy Advisor, Governor Schweitzer

00:22:16 John Chappuis, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:23:01 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

00:23:21 Jani McCall,

00:23:32 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:23:57 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

00:24:13 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

00:24:37 Olivia Riutta, WEEL

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:23 Sen. Lewis to John Chappuis, DPHHS

00:26:34 Sen. Cobb to John Chappuis, DPHHS

00:29:09 Sen. Cooney to Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:31:17 Sen. Bales to Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:32:51 Sen. Bob Hawks to John Chappuis, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:07 Sen. Weinberg closed on the bill.

HEARING ON HB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:55 **REP. WAYNE STAHL (R), HD 35**, opened the hearing on **HB 241**, Require audit committee to submit single bill to address audit findings.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:33 Rep. Wayne Stahl closed on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55

00:40:32 **Motion:** **SEN. HAWKS** moved that SB 55 DO PASS.

00:41:09 **Motion:** **SEN. COONEY** moved that SB005501.acb BE ADOPTED.

00:41:28 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:42:00 Sen. Laible

00:42:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:59 **Motion:** **SEN. HAWKS** moved that SB 55 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:43:21 Sen. Hawks

00:44:51 Sen. Barkus to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:47:32 Sen. Lewis to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:48:55 Sen. Laible to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:50:29 Sen. Hawks to Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:51:31 Sen. Laible to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:51:36 **Motion:** SEN. LEWIS moved a CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT to change the effective date to 2008.

00:53:12 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Lewis

00:54:01 Sen. Trudi Schmidt

00:55:11 Sen. Lewis withdrew his motion

00:55:29 Se. Hawks withdrew his motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 75

00:55:49 **Motion:** SEN. HAWKS moved that SB 75 DO PASS.

00:56:07 Sen. Hawks

00:57:18 **Motion:** SEN. HAWKS moved that AMENDMENT 7501.ak1 BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs22a03)

Discussion:

01:00:02 Sen. Laible

01:03:44 Sen. Hawks

01:05:32 **Vote:** Motion carried with COBB, LAIBLE, LEWIS, STAPLETON; and TASH voting no.

01:05:32 **Motion:** SEN. HAWKS moved that SB 75 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:05:47 Sen. Laible

01:06:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with SEN. COBB, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. STAPLETON, and SEN. TASH voting no. SEN. GALLUS, LIND and WILLIAMS voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 6

01:08:30 Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB 6 DO PASS.

01:08:55 Sen. Weinberg

01:10:02 Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB00603..ATP BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs22a033)

01:10:25 Sen. Weinberg

01:11:45 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:11:54 Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:12:07 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Weinberg

01:16:45 Sen. Barkus

01:17:54 Sen. Weinberg

01:18:36 Sen. Lewis

01:19:10 Sen. Hawks

01:19:54 Sen. Weinberg

01:21:31 Vote: Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with SEN. COONEY, SEN. GALLUS, SEN. HANSEN, SEN. HAWKS, SEN. LARSON, SEN. LIND, SEN. SCHMIDT, and SEN. WILLIAMS voting aye. SEN. COBB voted no by proxy,

01:23:02 Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved REVERSE THE VOTE TO TABLE SB 6. Motion carried 11-8 with SEN. COONEY, SEN. GALLUS, SEN. HANSEN, SEN. HAWKS, SEN. LARSON, SEN. LIND, SEN. SCHMIDT, and SEN. WILLIAMS voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 22

01:23:35 Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB 22 DO PASS.

01:24:48 Motion: SEN. COONEY moved TO STRIKE ALL LANGUAGE from the ESP amendment on line 15 p. 1 and to reinsert 175 and strike the remainder of the underlying language on 16 and 17. On page 2 strike the underlying language on line one to line 6.

Discussion:

01:26:15 Sen. Laible

01:27:16 Sen. Cooney

01:27:32 John Chappuis, DPHHS

01:29:06 Sen. Laible to John Chappuis

01:29:34 Sen. Lewis to John Chappuis

01:30:30 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Cooney

01:31:39 Sen. Cobb to John Chappuis

01:32:21 Sen. Cooney

01:32:42 Vote: Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with SEN. LAIBLE voting no.

01:33:05 Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB 22 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

01:33:21 Vote: Motion failed 17-2 by voice vote with SEN. BALES and SEN. STAPLETON voting aye.

01:33:33 Sen. Cooney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs22aad.pdf](#))