

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on February 8, 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

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 413, 2/5/2007; SB 243, 2/5/2007;
SB 118, 2/5/2007; SB 405, 2/5/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 413

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:22 **SEN. LYNDA MOSS (D), SD 26**, opened the hearing on **SB 413**, Timely deposit of funds by state contractors and agents.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:50 Margaret Kauska, Department of Revenue

00:06:28 Joe Mazurek, Montana Interactive

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:46 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:11:03 Monica Smith, Legislative Audit Division

00:12:17 Paul Christofferson, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:53 Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:23 Sen. Moss closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:11 **SEN. JOE BALYEAT (R), SD 34**, opened the hearing on **SB 243**, Revise military special hunting and fishing license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:09 Roger Hagen, Officer and Enlisted Associations of the National Guard

00:16:56 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT (fcs28a01)

00:20:47 Tim Border, Gallatin Gateway

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:23 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:53 Sen. Balyeat closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 118

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:02 **SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9**, opened the hearing on **SB 118**, Eliminate sunset for hospital bed tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:10 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

EXHIBIT (fcs28a02)

00:29:49 Jack Casey, Administrator, Shodair Hospital

00:31:20 Sen. Greg Lind, SD 50, Missoula

00:31:54 Sen. Dave Wanzenreid, SD 49, Missoula

00:32:44 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

00:34:01 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:34:24 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

00:34:58 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:35:35 John Chappuis, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:06 Sen. Cobb closed on the bill

HEARING ON SB 405

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:33 **SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20**, opened the hearing on **SB 405**, Require fiscal and performance accountability standards for FWP.

EXHIBIT (fcs28a03)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:49 Jeff Hagener, FWP

EXHIBIT (fcs28a04)

00:51:30 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:41 Sen. Hawks to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:56:46 Sen. Tash to Jeff Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:22 Sen. Bales closed on the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:05 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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