

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on February 8, 2007 at 3:39 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

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 14, SB 201. SB 264, 1/25/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 Opening comments by Chairman Gillan.

HEARING ON SB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:17 **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38**, opened the hearing on **SB 14**, Prohibit blocking access on county road unless abandoned.

EXHIBIT(1os28a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:12 Paul Babb, Chief Executive, Butte-Silver Bow Government

00:06:11 Tony Shoenen, Public Lands Water Access Association

00:09:20 Vince Fisher, Self, Butte

00:10:27 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:10:58 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Use

00:11:43 Sam Samson, Jefferson County Commissioner

00:15:26 Bill Holdorf, Skyline Sportsmen's Association

00:17:23 Dave Littlefield, Powell County

00:17:41 Lorry Thomas, Anaconda Sportsmen

00:18:28 LeRoy Maring, President, Skyline Sportsmen's Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:19 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner

00:21:51 Gordon Morris, on behalf of Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

00:26:22 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrower's Association

00:29:11 John Youngberg Montana Farm Bureau

Informational Testimony:

00:30:54 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:52 Sen. Esp to Harold Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:02 Sen. Harrington

HEARING ON SB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:57 **SEN. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN (D), SD 41**, opened the hearing
on **SB 264**, Low-income rates for local government
utilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:14 Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Governor's Advisor on Policy

00:43:25 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:46:12 Sandy Oitzinger, Helena City Commissioner

00:47:21 Pat Callbeck Harper, Associate State Director, AARP
Montana

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a04\)](#)

00:50:49 Dave Nielsen, City Attorney, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

00:51:57 None

Informational Testimony:

00:52:02 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:09 Sen. Gebhardt to Dave Nielsen

00:54:01 Sen. Esp to Alec Hansen

00:56:20 Sen. Juneau to Sen. Kaufman

00:57:29 Sen. Laible to Alec Hansen

01:01:41 Sen. Hawks to Alec Hansen

01:04:19 Sen. Esp to Alec Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:52 Sen. Kaufmann

HEARING ON SB 201

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:09:28 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SB 201**, Revise subdivision laws.

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:05 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a10\)](#)

01:20:18 Glenn Opel, Montana Association of Realtors

01:22:32 Michael Kakuk, Helena Attorney, representing Montana Association of Realtors

01:24:45 Mike Valeski, on behalf of the Governor's Office

01:25:49 Richard Thweatt, President of Plan Helena

[EXHIBIT\(1os28a11\)](#)

01:28:20 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT (los28a12)

01:29:05 Mayre Flowers, Citizens for a Better Flathead

EXHIBIT (los28a13)

01:31:25 Dustin Stewart, Montana Builder's Association and
Montana Association of Homebuilders

01:32:49 Joe Roberts, Registered Land Surveyors

01:33:55 Mike Griffith, York Road, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

01:36:25 Dave Nielsen, City Attorney, Helena

01:44:06 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties

01:45:08 Alec Hansen, League of Cities

01:46:41 Myra Shults, Land Use Attorney for the Joint Powers
Insurance Authority of MACO

Informational Testimony:

01:49:29 None

01:49:36 Comments by Chairman Gillan

01:50:47 Break

01:45:42 Comments by Chairman Gillan

02:01:31 Tim David, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:07:45 Chairman Ryan to Tim Davis

EXHIBIT (los28a14)

02:09:05 Sen. Esp to Michael Kakuk

02:15:23 Chairman Gillan to Dave Nielsen

02:19:36 Chairman Gillan to Alec Hansen

02:21:06 Sen. Esp to Alec Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:22 Sen. Laible

02:25:43 Comments by Chairman Gillan.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:05 P.M.

SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([los28aad.pdf](#))