

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on February 22, 2007
at 8:00 A.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. 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)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 543, 2/20/2007; SJ 23, 2/20/2007
Executive Action: SB 390; SB 405; SJ 11; SJ 23; SB
231; SB 64

00:00:01

HEARING ON SB 543

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:15 SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB
543, Revise fiscal note laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs40a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:41 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Balyeat

00:19:21 Sen. Lind to Sen. Balyeat

00:21:32 Sen. Barkus to Judy Paynter, Governors Office of Budget
and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:26:11 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Balyeat

00:29:34 Sen. Laible to Judy Paynter

00:36:27 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Balyeat

00:37:13 Judy Paynter

00:37:32 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Balyeat

00:40:02 Sen. Schmidt to Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal
Analyst

00:42:24 Sen. Lewis to Sen. Balyeat

00:46:26 Sen. Lewis to Judy Paynter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:08 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SJ 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:21 **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38**, opened the hearing on **SJ 23**, Urge that Taiwan be permitted participation in WHO.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:04 Sen. Lind to Sen. Harrington

00:57:47 Sen. Laible to Sen. Harrington

00:58:54 Sen. Schmidt to Sen. Harrington

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:48 Sen. Harrington

01:01:51 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Schmidt

01:02:15 Sen. Cooney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 390

01:04:26 **Motion:** **SEN. COONEY** moved **SB 390 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:04:55 Sen. Hawks

01:05:25 Sen. Barkus

01:06:02 Sen. Cooney

01:08:23 **Motion:** SEN. STAPLETON moved TO AMEND THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF OPI TO \$25 PER ANB.

01:09:44 Sen. Cooney

01:10:48 Sen. Laible

01:12:32 Sen. Lewis

01:13:12 Sen. Williams

01:14:14 Sen. Hawks

01:15:39 Sen. Stapleton

01:19:09 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with SEN.
BALES, SEN. BARKUS, SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. COBB, SEN.
LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. STAPLETON, and SEN. TASH
voting aye. SEN. HANSEN, SEN. WANZENRIED, and SEN.
WILLIAMS voted no by proxy.

01:19:15 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved TO AMEND ANB TO \$35.

Discussion:

01:19:41 Sen. Gallus

01:20:07 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-13 by voice vote with SEN.
BALES, SEN. BARKUS, SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. COBB, SEN.
LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. STAPLETON, and SEN. TASH
voting aye. SEN. HANSEN, SEN. WANZENRIED, and SEN.
WILLIAMS voted no by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 405

01:21:57 **Motion:** SEN. BALES moved that SB 405 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:22:02 Sen. Bales

01:23:24 Sen. Cooney to Sen. Bales

01:26:41 Sen. Laible to Sen. Bales

01:27:01 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Bales

01:30:29 Sen. Hawks

01:32:03 Sen. Tash

01:32:57 Sen. Bales

01:33:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with SEN.
TROPILA voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 11

01:33:47 Sen. Schmidt

01:34:12 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that SJ 11 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:34:29 Sen. Cooney

01:34:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 23

01:35:04 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COBB moved SJ 23 DO PASS. Motion
carried 17-0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 231

01:35:50 **Motion:** SEN. LIND moved that SB 231 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:36:06 Sen. Cooney

01:37:06 Sen. Lind

01:37:38 Sen. Cooney

01:41:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with SEN.
BALES, SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. GALLUS, SEN. LIND, SEN.
STAPLETON, SEN. TROPILA, and SEN. WANZENRIED voting no.
SEN. HANSEN, SEN. WEINBERG, and SEN. WILLIAMS voted aye
by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 64

01:44:19 Sen. Cobb

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01:45:59 Sen. Laible to Sen. Cobb

01:48:45 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved that SB 64 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:48:55 Sen. Hawks

01:49:40 Sen. Bales to Sen. Cobb

01:53:34 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Cobb

01:54:39 Sen. Cobb

01:56:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-0 by roll call vote. SSEN. HANSEN, SEN. LARSON, and SEN. WILLIAMS voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:01 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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