

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on March 13, 2007
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (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)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)

Members Absent: None.

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

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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: HB 22, 3/9/2007; HB 608,
3/9/2007; HB 214, 3/9/2007; HB
442, 3/9/2007

Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:06 REP. DAVE MCALPIN (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on
HB 22, Clarify distribution of revenue from fee in lieu
of tax on heavy vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:00:58 Sen. Story, SD 30

00:03:43 Steve Austin, Montana Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:02 Sen. Laible to Greg Petesch, Legislative Counsel

00:09:56 Sen. Barkus to Greg Petesch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:18 Rep. Mcalpin

HEARING ON HB 608

00:10:47 Sen. Cooney

Hearing on HB 608 was postponed

HEARING ON HB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:20 REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 214, Make foster care funds available to tribes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:50 Mary Ann Acres, Indian Child and Family Resource Center

00:17:22 Tracy King, Fort Belknap Gros Ventre and Assiniboin Tribal Council, At Large Representative Assiniboin Tribe

00:20:02 Jani McCall, Montana Childrens Initiative Providers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:21:04 Shirley Brown, DPHHS

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:11 Sen. Lind to Mary Ann Akers

00:21:59 Shirley Brown

00:22:17 Sen. Lind to Shirley Brown

00:22:40 Sen. Laible to Shirley Brown

00:28:16 Sen. Lind to Shirley Brown

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:29 Wilma Tyner, Social Services Director, Chippewa Cree Tribe

00:30:19 Leah LaMere, Chippewa Cree Tribe

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:09 Sen. Bales to Shirley Brown

00:35:26 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Windy Boy

00:39:43 Sen. Hawks to Lea LaMere

00:42:01 Sen. Weinberg to Shirley Brown

00:42:43 Sen. Laible to Leah LaMere

00:45:49 Sen. Windy Boy

(Note: Hearing was left open in order to consider a revised fiscal note that was being prepared.)

HEARING ON HB 442

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:20 **REP. MIKE PHILLIPS (D), HD 66**, opened the hearing on
HB **442**, Legislative review of fiscal note accuracy.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:52:50 Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:07 Sen. Laible to Rep. Phillips

00:58:45 Sen. Laible to Clayton Schenck

01:01:39 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Phillips

01:04:14 Sen. Hawks to Clayton Schenck

01:08:13 Sen. Weinberg to Clayton Schenck

01:11:23 Sen. Barkus to Rep. Phillips

01:14:38 Sen. Cooney to Sen. Wanzenried

01:17:35 Sen. Schmidt to Clayton Schenck

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:25 Rep. Phillips

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:26 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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