

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on March 22, 2007  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (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. Wanzonried (D)  
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)

**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 96, 3/20/2007; HB 811,  
3/20/2007; HB 214, 3/20/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 96**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:39 **REP. KRAYTON KERNS (R), HD 58**, opened the hearing on  
**HB 96**, Fund veteran cemetery maintenance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:36 Dan Antonietti, Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:03:06 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran's Affairs Administrator

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:21 Sen. Laible to Rep. Kerns

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:27 Rep. Kerns

**HEARING ON HB 811**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:59 **REP. JACK WELLS (R), HD 69**, opened the hearing on **HB**  
**811**, Traditional arts and crafts state special  
revenue account.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:03 Carleen Layne, Montana Arts Council

00:09:57 Chuck Hunter, Montana Cultural Advocacy

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:36 Joe Maurier, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:16 Sen. Weinberg to Carleen Layne

00:16:55 Sen. Laible to Joe Maurier

00:20:25 Sen. Barkus to Joe Maurier

00:22:30 Sen. Barkus to Carleen Layne

00:24:29 Sen. Tropila to Carleen Layne

00:25:27 Sen. Laible to Carleen Layne

00:27:04 Sen. Laible to Joe Maurier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:37 Sen. Wells

**CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON HB 214**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:29:29 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Child and  
Family Services, Department of Public Health and Human  
Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:33 Sen. Laible to Shirley Brown

00:36:07 Sen. Barkus to Shirley Brown

00:39:21 Sen. Weinberg to Shirley Brown

00:41:29 Sen. Laible to Shirley Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:50 A.M.

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SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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