

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on March 23, 2007
at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
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. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)

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: HB 807, 3/20/2007; HB 809,
3/20/2007

Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 Reconvene

00:00:15 Sen. Schmidt

HEARING ON HB 807 (continued)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:00:41 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Wells

00:06:42 Sen. Laible to Mick Robinson

00:14:11 Sen. Wanzenried to Rep. Wells

00:23:47 Sen. Cooney to Rep. Wells

00:27:03 Sen. Cobb to Rep. Wells

00:28:06 Sen. Cobb to Mick Robinson

00:30:26 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Wells

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:43 Rep. Wells

HEARING ON HB 809

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:43 **REP. BILL GLASER (R), HD 44**, opened the hearing on
HB 809, Biennial funding for k-12 education and
education related agencies.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:16 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and
Program Planning

01:02:17 Linda McCulloch, State Superintendent of Public
Instruction

[EXHIBIT \(fcs62b01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs62b02\)](#)

01:10:56 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

01:12:37 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality
Education Coalition and presenting written testimony
for Montana School Boards Association

[EXHIBIT \(fcs62b03\)](#)

01:25:05 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public
Schools

Informational Testimony:

01:29:00 Steve Gettel, School for the Deaf and Blind

[EXHIBIT \(fcs62b04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:02 Sen. Cobb

01:33:38 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Glaser

01:36:51 Sen. Larson to Rep. Glaser

01:41:09 Sen. Lewis

01:42:05 Sen. Laible to Rep. Glaser

01:47:10 Sen. Wanzenried

01:47:48 Sen. Wanzenried to Rep. Glaser

02:00:29 Sen. Williams to Rep. Glaser

02:03:09 Sen. Stapleton to Pete Carparelli

02:10:04 Sen. Laible to Superintendent McCulloch

02:15:30 Sen. Barkus to Rep. Glaser

02:17:32 Sen. Tropila to Rep. Glaser

02:22:08 Sen. Cooney to Rep. Glaser

Closing by Sponsor:

02:28:46 Rep. Glaser

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:40 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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