

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on March 30, 2007 at 8:00 A.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 Brueggeman (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: None.

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 820, 3/22/2007; HB 808,
3/22/2007

Executive Action: HB 820

00:00:01 Reconvene

00:00:14 Sen. Schmidt

Section E

Higher Education

Public Comment:

00:00:53 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a02\)](#)

00:07:58 Alex Capdeville, Chancellor, Montana State University
Northern

00:09:10 Denver Henderson, Associated Students University of
Montana and for Associated Students Montana State
University

00:11:11 Daniel Bingham, Dean, College of Technology, Helena

00:15:40 Mary Sheehy Moe, Dean and CEO, Great Falls College of
Technology

00:19:28 Jane Carras, President, Flathead Community College

00:22:15 Stephanie Hicswa, President, Miles Community College

00:23:45 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

00:25:18 Carl Schweitzer, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

00:26:05 Yvonne Gritzner, Legislative Chair, Friends of Montana
PBS

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 820

00:39:57 **Motion:** SEN. HANSEN moved that AMENDMENT HB082038.APJ
BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs68a03)

Discussion:

00:40:44 Sen. Hansen

00:41:02 Sen. Wanzenried to Sen. Hansen

00:41:30 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Hansen

00:42:07 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:42:33 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Hansen

00:42:59 Sen. Hawks to Alan Peura, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:44:27 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

00:45:08 Sen. Hawks

00:45:33 **Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that AMENDMENT HB082012.AAG BE ADOPTED.**

EXHIBIT(fcs68a04)

Discussion:

00:46:51 Sen. Barkus

00:47:27 Sen. Wanzenried

EXHIBIT(fcs68a05)

00:49:41 Amy Carlson, Office of Budget and Program Planning,
(OBPP)

00:50:15 Sen. Wanzenried to David Ewer, Budget Director, OBPP

00:52:03 Sen. Wanzenried to Jane Caras, President, Flathead
Community College

00:56:28 Sen. Hawks to Mick Robinson, Associate Commissioner,
Montana University System

01:02:44 Sen. Cooney to Sen. Barkus

01:03:55 Sen. Barkus withdrew his motion.

01:04:16 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that AMENDMENT HB0802019.AAG BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs68a06)

Discussion:

01:05:06 Sen. Gallus

01:07:01 Sen. Hawks

01:08:41 Sen. Gallus

01:10:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with SEN. BARKUS, SEN. HAWKS, SEN. STAPLETON, SEN. TASH, and SEN. WANZENRIED voting no. SEN. BALES, SEN. LAIBLE, AND SEN. WANZENRIED voted no by proxy.

01:12:09 **Motion:** SEN. COONEY moved that AMENDMENT HB082016.AAG BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs68a07)

Discussion:

01:12:38 Sen. Cooney

01:13:34 Sen. Lewis

01:14:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:14:43 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Gallus

01:17:51 Sen. Hawks to Commissioner Sheila Stearns

01:19:30 Sen. Stapleton

01:20:16 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Stapleton

01:21:28 Sen. Stapleton to Kevin Dennehy, Executive Director, St. James Foundation, Butte

01:24:44 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT HB080298.AAG BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs68a08)

01:24:46 Sen. Wanzenried

01:26:33 Commissioner Sheila Stearns

01:27:29 Sen. Lind to Sen. Wanzenried

01:28:23 Sen. Hawks

01:29:15 Sen. Bales

01:30:00 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Bales

01:32:57 Sen. Tash to Sen. Hawks

01:33:24 Sen. Tash to Commissioner Sheila Stearns

01:34:55 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Hawks

01:40:01 Sen. Wanzenried

01:41:26 Sen. Stapleton

01:42:57 Sen. Hawks

01:43:25 Sen. Wanzenried

01:44:20 **Vote: Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with SEN. STAPLETON voting no.**

01:44:35 **Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved AMENDMENT HB082021.AAG BE ADOPTED.**

EXHIBIT(fcs68a09)

Discussion:

01:45:13 Sen. Wanzenried

01:46:25 Commissioner Sheila Stearns

01:47:07 Sen. Wanzenried

01:47:20 **Vote: Motion carried 16-3 by voice vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BARKUS, and SEN. STAPLETON voting no.**

01:48:11 Recess

02:08:47 Reconvene

02:09:18 **Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT HB082022.AAG BE ADOPTED.**

EXHIBIT(fcs68a10)

Discussion:

02:11:00 Sen. Wanzenried

02:11:28 Commissioner Sheila Stearns

02:11:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:11:53 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT
HB082018.AAG BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs68a11)

Discussion:

02:11:55 Sen. Wanzenried

02:13:28 Ed Bartlett, Montana Speech and Hearing Association

02:16:05 Sen. Bales to Ed Bartlett

02:17:26 Sen. Bales to Commissioner Sheila Stearns

02:20:47 Sen. Hawks to Commissioner Sheila Stearns

02:21:43 Sen. Lind

02:22:19 Sen. Hawks

02:22:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:22:41 **Motion:** SEN. LEWIS moved that AMENDMENT HB082023.AAG
BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fcs68a12)

Discussion:

02:23:42 Sen. Lewis

02:27:37 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, and
Agricultural Coalition Association

02:31:28 Sen. Wanzenried to Alan Peura

02:35:18 Sen. Hawks to Alan Peura

02:37:06 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Lewis
02:38:14 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Stapleton
02:40:17 Sen. Hansen
02:41:31 Sen. Schmidt
02:42:02 Sen. Wanzenried to Sen. Lewis
02:44:30 Sen. Schmidt
02:44:38 Sen. Lewis withdrew his motion.

HEARING ON HB 808

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:51:14 **REP. PENNY MORGAN, HD 57 FOR REP. EDITH CLARK (R), HD 28**, opened the hearing on **HB 808**, Biennial funding for DPHHS.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

02:57:53 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:03:56 Sen. Cobb
03:04:06 Sen. Weinberg

Closing by Sponsor:

03:06:25 Rep. Morgan

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03:09:55 Anita Roessmann, Board of Brain Injury Association of Montana

EXHIBIT(fcs68a13)

03:13:45 Morgan Maynard, Helena

03:16:42 Nathalia Marquis, Helena

03:19:57 Joyce Scott, Missoula and Helmville

03:24:14 John Mall, Chairman, LAC Advisory Board

03:26:53 Denver Henderson, Associated Students, University of Montana

03:28:46 Danita Twedt, Bozeman

03:32:41 Dan Aune, Director, Gallatin Mental Health Center

03:33:26 George Thomas, Belgrade

03:35:06 William Yurck, Bozeman

03:38:27 Stacy Anderson, Director Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of Montana, and Family Planning Clinics of Montana

EXHIBIT(fcs68a14)

03:45:38 Sen. Weinberg

03:46:48 Vernon Bishop, Chairman, Crisis Peer Support Board

03:48:13 Mike McLaughlin, Director Center for Mental Health, and member Central Service Area Authority Board

03:49:58 Kathy McGowan, Community Mental Health Centers, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, and Montana County Attorneys Association

EXHIBIT(fcs68a15)

03:51:23 Charlie Briggs, Community Disability Services Association, and Montana Association for Rehabilitation

EXHIBIT(fcs68a16)

03:54:17 Steve Yeakel, Montana Childcare Resource and Referral Network, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

03:56:40 Tom Peluso, Bozeman, Service Area Authorities

EXHIBIT(fcs68a17)

04:00:08 Rep. Holly Raser, HD 98

04:01:35 Chris Volinkaty, Child Development Center, Inc.

04:03:02 Mike Hanshew, Nightingale Nursing and Caregiving, and
Consumer Direct Personal Care

04:09:57 Jacob Wagner, Gallatin County Mental Health Advisory
Council, Secretary Central Service Area Authority,
and member of Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council

04:13:20 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

EXHIBIT(fcs68a18)

EXHIBIT(fcs68a19)

04:19:03 Sen. Schmidt

RECESS

Recess: 12:30 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs68aad.pdf](#))