

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on April 2, 2007 at 7:00 P.M., in Room 102 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. Dave Lewis (R)
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. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)

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 809, 3/26/2007

Executive Action: HB 809

00:00:00

HB 809

Public Comment:

00:00:40 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

[EXHIBIT \(fcs70b01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs70b02\)](#)

00:06:23 Linda McCulloch, Superintendent of Public Instruction

[EXHIBIT \(fcs70b03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs70b04\)](#)

00:09:10 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Helena Public Schools, and for Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Education Coalition

[EXHIBIT \(fcs70b05\)](#)

00:11:22 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8

00:13:59 Claudette Morton, Montana Small Schools Alliance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 809

00:16:52 Sen. Hawks

00:18:27 Sen. Hawks to Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:19:56 Sen. Stapleton to Sen. Schmidt

00:21:16 Sen. Hawks

00:22:00 Sen. Wanzenried

00:23:31 Sen. Lewis

00:25:15 Sen. Laible

00:26:03 Sen. Schmidt to Jim Standaert

00:26:14 Sen. Wanzenried

00:26:44 Sen. Cooney to Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal
Analyst

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:57 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs70bad.pdf](#))