

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on April 4, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 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. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (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 114, 3/31/2007; HB 315,
3/31/2007

Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 114 (continued)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:00:32 Sen. Gallus to Rep. Olson

00:02:54 Sen. Laible to Leo Berry

00:09:29 Sen. Schmidt to Rep. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:18 Rep. Olson

Sen. Cocchiarella will carry the bill in the Senate.

00:15:29 Leo Berry corrected his testimony.

HEARING ON HB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:07 **REP. ROGER KOOPMAN (R), HD 70**, opened the hearing on **HB 315**, Property tax reduction for excess budget surplus.

EXHIBIT (fcs72b01)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:01 Sen. Barkus to Rep. Koopman

00:27:06 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Koopman

00:30:40 Sen. Lewis to Rep. Koopman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:10 Rep. Koopman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:21 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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