

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on April 12, 2007 at 6:00 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: None.  
Executive Action: HB 116; HB 6; HB 7; SB 568; HB 160;  
HB 574; HB 480

00:00:00 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 116**

00:04:40 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 116 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:04:57 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT HB011603.ABS BE CONCURRED IN.

[EXHIBIT \(fcs77b01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs77b02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:05:44 Sen. Wanzenried

00:11:24 Sen. Laible to Sen. Wanzenried

00:13:01 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:18:34 Sen. Laible to Barbara Smith

00:22:23 Sen. Bales to Barbara Smith

00:26:14 Sen. Tropila to Barbara Smith

00:28:10 Sen. Laible to Barbara Smith

00:33:24 Sen. Hawks to Barbara Smith

00:34:32 Sen. Wanzenried

00:36:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BARKUS, SEN. LAIBLE, and SEN. TASH voting no. SEN. BRUEGEMAN and SEN. STAPLETON voted no by proxy. SEN. WILLIAMS voted by proxy.

00:37:42 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 116 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

00:38:15 **Motion:** SEN. BALES moved that AMENDMENT HB0161606.ABS BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT (fcs77b03)****Discussion:**

00:39:03 Barbara Smith

00:39:06 Sen. Bales withdrew his amendment

00:39:28 Sen. Wanzenried

00:39:34 **Vote: Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote.**

*Sen. Wanzenried will carry the bill in the Senate.*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6**

00:40:33 Sen. Schmidt to Cathy Duncan

00:41:12 **Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 6 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:41:29 **Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT HB000650.ACD BE ADOPTED.**

**EXHIBIT (fcs77b04)****Discussion:**

00:41:31 Sen. Wanzenried

00:42:06 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

00:42:11 **Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 6 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

00:42:26 **Motion: SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT HB000651.ACD BE ADOPTED.**

**EXHIBIT (fcs77b05)****Discussion:**

00:42:50 Sen. Wanzenried to Cathy Duncan

00:44:10 Sen. Larson to Cathy Duncan

00:45:16 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

00:45:25 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 6 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

00:45:39 Sen. Barkus to Cathy Duncan

00:46:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote.

*Sen. Larson will carry the bill in the Senate.*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 7**

00:47:59 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 7 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:48:04 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT HB000750.ACD BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT (fcs77b06)**

**Discussion:**

00:48:08 Sen. Wanzenried to Cathy Duncan

00:49:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:49:39 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 7 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with SEN. COBB voting no.

*Sen. Lewis will carry the bill in the Senate.*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 568**

00:50:14 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 568 DO PASS.

**Discussion:**

00:50:16 Sen. Wanzenried

00:51:34 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that AMENDMENT HB056801.ATP BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT (fcs77b07)**

00:51:59 Sen. Wanzenried

00:53:10 Sen. Schmidt

00:53:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with SEN. COONEY, SEN. GALLUS, SEN. HANSEN, SEN. HAWKS, SEN. LARSON, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. SCHMIDT, and SEN. WEINBERG voting aye. SEN. BRUEGEMAN and SEN. TROPILA voted by proxy.

00:56:23 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that AMENDMENT HB056802.ATP BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT** (fcs77b08)

**Discussion:**

00:57:38 Sen. Wanzenried

00:58:18 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Wanzenried

00:58:39 Sen. Wanzenried to Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:59:31 **Motion:** SEN. WEINBERG moved a substitute motion to conceptually add coordination language to the amendment.

01:00:10 Sen. Wanzenried to Taryn Purdy

01:00:33 Sen. Weinberg

01:01:51 **Vote:** Motion on substitute amendment carried 17-1 by voice vote with SEN. BARKUS voting no.

01:02:13 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved a conceptual amendment to reduce the \$5.0 million transfer of general fund for the affordable housing revolving loan account.

01:02:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by voice vote with SEN. BARKUS and SEN. STAPLETON voting no. SEN. TROPILA voted no by proxy. Sen. Brueggeman voted by proxy.

01:03:22 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that HB 568 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 16-3 by voice vote.

*Sen. Wanzenried will carry the bill in the Senate.*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 160**

01:04:47 **Motion:** SEN. SCHMIDT moved that HB016001.ABS BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT (fcs77b09)****Discussion:**

01:05:18 Sen. Laible

01:07:38 Sen. Laible to Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources

01:08:04 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Laible

01:12:43 Sen. Bales to Mary Sexton

01:17:35 Sen. Wanzenried

01:19:13 Sen. Gallus to Barbara Smith

01:20:23 Sen. Cooney

01:21:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with SEN. BARKUS, SEN. HANSEN, SEN. LAIBLE, and SEN. STAPLETON voting no. SEN. BRUEGGEMAN voted no by proxy. SEN. TROPILA voted aye proxy.

01:22:46 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SCHMIDT moved that HB 160 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with SEN. BARKUS voting no. SEN. TROPILA and SEN. BRUEGGEMAN voted by proxy.

*Sen. Laible will carry the bill in the Senate.*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 574**

01:23:57 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LEWIS moved that HB 574 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BARKUS, SEN. HANSEN, SEN. HAWKS, SEN. STAPLETON, SEN. TASH, and SEN. TROPILA voting no. SEN. BRUEGGEMAN voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 480

01:26:48 **Motion:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 480 BE CONCURRED IN.

01:26:55 **Motion:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that AMENDMENT HB048006.AAG BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT (fcs77b10)

**Discussion:**

01:28:12 Sen. Laible

01:30:46 Taryn Purdy

01:32:09 Sen. Hawks

01:32:36 Sen. Laible

01:33:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:33:25 **Motion:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that HB 480 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

01:33:42 Sen. Laible

01:36:20 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Laible

01:36:54 Taryn Purdy

01:37:07 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Laible

01:40:12 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BARKUS, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. STAPLETON, SEN. TASH, and SEN. WILLIAMS voting aye. SEN. BRUEGGEMAN voted by proxy.

01:40:20 **Motion:** SEN. HAWKS moved that HB 480 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.

01:40:30 Sen. Laible

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 7:49 P.M.

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SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fcs77bad.pdf](#))**