

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on March 3, 2009 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 57, SB 58, SB 294, SB 296
Executive Action: SB 34, SB 78, SB 98, SB 215

00:00:03 Call to order
(Rep. Grinde arrived.)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 34

00:01:43 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 34 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:01:52 Rep. Ebinger
00:02:05 Rep. Menahan
00:03:31 Rep. Bennett

00:04:12 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Berry, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. More, Rep. Reichner, Rep. Stahl, and Rep. Vance voting aye. Rep. Berry, Rep. More, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Sands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 78

00:05:57 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 78 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:06:58 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division
00:07:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
00:07:35 Rep. Ingraham

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 98

00:08:18 Mr. Kolman

00:09:03 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **SB 98 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:09:09 Rep. Becker
00:09:26 Mr. Kolman
00:09:45 Rep. Menahan

00:10:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-4 by voice vote with Rep. Becker, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. Stahl, and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep. Stahl, Rep. Sands, Rep. More and Rep. Berry voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 215

00:12:06 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 215 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:12:18 Mr. Kolman
(Rep. More arrived.)

00:13:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sands, Rep. Berry and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

00:14:36 Break
(Rep. Stahl, Rep. Sands and Rep. Berry arrived.)
00:27:59 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:35 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 296, Revise newspaper publication requirement for municipalities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:23 Matt Gibson, Missoula Independent
EXHIBIT(loh47a01)
00:33:52 Riley Johnson, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:22 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:52 Rep. Ingraham
00:35:00 Ms. Wood
00:35:47 Rep. Ingraham

00:35:59 Mr. Gibson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:49 Sen. Essmann

HEARING ON SB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:47 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on
SB 57, Revise laws governing special districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:20 Shoots Veis, City Councilman, Ward 3, Billings, Montana

00:46:54 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

[EXHIBIT](#) (loh47a02)

00:57:57 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:59:53 Jeff Brandt, Information Technology Division,
Department of Administration

01:00:28 Debbie Jurcich, Compliance Valuation, Department of
Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:47 Rep. Ingraham

01:01:01 Mr. Blattie

(Chairwoman Arntzen asked Vice Chairman MacLaren to take over as
temporary chairman.)

01:08:26 Rep. Ingraham

01:08:35 Mr. Bran

01:09:49 Rep. Reinhart

01:10:21 Mr. Blattie

01:13:49 Rep. Stahl

01:14:32 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:46 Sen. Gillan

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:27 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on
SB 58, Revise local government laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:27 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive, Dawson County, Rosebud
County, Musselshell County, City of Roundup
01:23:04 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
01:25:21 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers
01:26:20 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
01:29:10 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:29:46 Jeff Brandt, Information Technology Division,
Department of Administration
01:30:23 Debbie Jurcich, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:53 Rep. Ingraham
01:32:03 Mr. Blattie
01:34:06 Rep. Ingraham
01:34:11 Mr. Brandt
01:35:52 Mr. Blattie
01:36:45 Rep. Ingraham

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:17 Sen. Gillan

HEARING ON SB 294

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:46 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on
SB 294, Include roads as undertaking for municipal
revenue bonds.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:07 Shoots Veis, City Councilman, Ward 3, Billings, Montana

01:45:45 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
01:48:16 Rick Hill, Montana Building Industry Association
01:49:22 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors
01:49:51 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:37 Rep. Ingraham
01:50:58 Mr. Hansen
01:53:16 Vice Chairman MacLaren
01:53:39 Mr. Veis
01:56:15 Vice Chairman MacLaren
01:56:50 Mr. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:18 Sen. Gillan

ADJOURNMENT

02:02:17 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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