

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on March 24, 2009 at  
3:00 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. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, 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: SB 8, SB 9, SB 482

Executive Action: SB 148

00:00:01 Call to order

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 148**

00:01:44 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:57 Rep. Hands arrived.

00:02:00 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

00:02:36 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (loh65a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:03:18 Mr. Kolman

00:04:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Grinde and Rep. Menahan voted by proxy.

00:04:29 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (loh65a02)**

**Discussion:**

00:05:40 Rep. Reinhart

00:06:20 Rep. Stahl

00:07:24 Rep. Driscoll

00:07:57 Rep. Ingraham

00:08:13 Mr. Kolman

00:08:35 Rep. Reichner

00:08:46 Rep. Driscoll

00:09:01 Rep. Ingraham

00:09:13 Rep. Sands

00:09:48 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:09:49 Rep. Stahl left.

00:13:07 Rep. MacLaren

00:13:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Berry, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Stahl voting aye. Rep. Stahl, Rep. Menahan and Rep. Grinde voted by proxy.

00:15:20 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (loh65a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:17:04 Mr. Kolman  
00:17:32 Rep. Hands  
00:18:00 Rep. More  
00:18:07 Mr. Kolman  
00:18:29 Rep. Hands  
00:18:49 Mr. Kolman  
00:18:59 Rep. Hands  
00:19:04 Rep. Stahl returned.  
00:19:05 Mr. Kolman  
00:19:25 Rep. Hands  
00:19:46 Rep. More  
00:20:04 Mr. Kolman  
00:21:01 Rep. Hands  
00:21:17 Mr. Kolman  
00:21:34 Rep. Hands  
00:22:16 Rep. Stahl  
00:23:02 Mr. Kolman

00:23:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Grinde and Rep. Menahan voted by proxy.

00:24:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Menahan and Rep. Grinde voted by proxy. Rep. Ingraham will carry the bill.

00:24:55 Rep. Ingraham

**Presentation on SB 306**

00:25:22 Sen. John Esp, SD 31, Big Timber, Montana  
**EXHIBIT(1oh65a04)**  
00:28:24 Rep. Stahl and Rep. Ebinger left.  
00:29:19 Myra Shults, Montana Association of Counties

**HEARING ON SB 8****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:22 Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 8, Authorize regional water entities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:36:37 John Bohlinger, Lieutenant Governor of Montana  
**EXHIBIT(1oh65a05)**

00:44:04 Rep. Wendy Warburton, HD 34, Havre, Montana  
00:46:23 Paul Azevedo, Water Resources Planner, Department of  
Natural Resources  
00:47:54 Michael DesRosier, Glacier County Commissioner  
00:49:03 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association  
00:49:51 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation  
Districts  
00:50:44 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns, City of  
Glasgow, City of Malta, City of Havre, City of Chinook  
00:52:23 Larry Mires, St. Mary's Rehabilitation and Working  
Group

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:54:58 Rep. Ingraham  
00:55:10 Rep. Stahl  
00:59:37 Rep. Reinhart  
00:59:51 Rep. Stahl  
01:00:35 Rep. Grinde arrived.  
01:04:33 Rep. Reinhart  
01:04:45 Rep. Stahl  
01:05:21 Rep. Reinhart  
01:05:32 Mr. Mires

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:07:00 Rep. Stahl

**HEARING ON SB 9**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:08:52 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on  
SB 9, Authorize funding of transportation systems with  
revenue bonds.

**Proponents Testimony:**

01:13:34 Chuck McMillan, Helena, Montana  
01:22:37 John MacDonald, City of Missoula  
**EXHIBIT (loh65a06)**  
01:23:47 Michael Ackley, Missoula, Montana  
**EXHIBIT (loh65a07)**  
01:24:56 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

01:26:02 Linda Stoll, Missoula County, Montana Association of  
Planners

01:26:51 Sheryl Ackley, Missoula, Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:28:11 Rep. Reichner

01:29:03 Sen. Erickson

01:34:29 Rep. Hands

01:35:10 Mr. MacDonald

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:36:03 Sen. Erickson

01:37:14 Rep. Menahan arrived.

**HEARING ON SB 482**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:38:01 Sen. Dan McGee (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on  
SB 482, Generally revise subdivision and platting act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:44:04 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors, Montana  
Association of Registered Land Surveyors

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:46:56 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:52:08 Linda Stoll, Missoula County, Montana Association of  
Planners

01:54:24 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:55:44 Rep. Reinhart

01:56:29 Sen. McGee

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:57:40 Sen. McGee

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:59:00 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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**Additional Exhibits:**

**EXHIBIT (loh65a08)** Letter and information from Ed Bartlett representing Yellowstone County in regard to SB 148.

**EXHIBIT (loh65a09)** Housing Development Definition from Rep. Hands.

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT (loh65aad.pdf)**