

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN KEITH BALES, on January 20, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (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: SB 238, 1/16/09; 153, 1/13/2009

Executive Action: None.

00:00:06 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 238

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:48 **SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6**, opened the hearing on **SB 238**, Repeal termination date for coal tax trust-funded economic development programs.

00:03:39 Sen. Bales

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:28 Brett Doney, Montana Development Association

00:07:11 Steve Holland, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
EXHIBIT (fcs13a01)

00:08:57 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:09:12 Sylvia Moore, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, Office of the Commissioner
EXHIBIT (fcs13a02)

00:10:08 Chris Mahus, Beartooth Research and Development
EXHIBIT (fcs13a03)

00:11:22 Terry Myhre, Montana Business Assistance

00:12:38 Billie Lee, Lake County Community Development

00:14:13 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development Corporation

00:14:47 Cathy Conover, Montana State University

00:15:57 Kathie Bailey, Snowy Mountain Development Corporation

00:17:06 Bill Johnston, Montana University System

00:17:32 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

00:18:05 Tracy McIntyre, Eureka Rural Development Partners

00:19:02 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:57 David Ewer, Budget Director

00:23:07 Sen. Bales

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:26 Sen. Zinke
00:23:39 Sen. Brueggeman
00:24:00 Sen. Zinke
00:24:08 Sen. Brueggeman
00:24:33 Sen. Lewis
00:25:06 Director Ewer
00:25:36 Sen. Hawks
00:26:04 Director Ewer
00:26:21 Sen. Bales
00:27:09 Director Ewer
00:28:27 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:33 Sen. Brueggeman

00:31:00 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 153

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:50 **SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6**, opened the hearing on **SB 153**, Revise laws governing expenditure of appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:21 David Ewer, Budget Director

00:37:33 Sen. Bales

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:51 Sen. Zinke
00:38:27 Director Ewer
00:39:56 Sen. Esp
00:40:28 Sen. Brueggeman
00:40:46 Sen. Esp
00:40:58 Director Ewer
00:41:28 Sen. Bales
00:42:06 Director Ewer
00:43:40 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:56 Sen. Brueggeman
00:44:27 Sen. Wanzonried joined the meeting.
00:44:57 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:53 P.M.

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fcs13aad.pdf](#))