

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN KEITH BALES, on January 22, 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. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 114, 1/15/2009

Executive Action: SB 65

00:00:17 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 114

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:44 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 114**, State rainy day fund.

00:03:19 Sen. Brueggeman now present.

00:03:47 Sen. Zinke now present.

00:04:23 Sen. Schmidt now present.

00:06:22 John Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:36 Director David Ewer, Budget Office

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:08 Sen. Hawks

00:20:49 Sen. Wanzenried

00:23:15 Sen. Bales

00:23:19 Sen. Lewis

00:24:28 Sen. Wanzenried

00:25:57 Sen. Lewis

00:26:30 Sen. Wanzenried

00:27:30 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:50 Sen. Wanzenried

00:30:26 Sen. Bales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 65

00:31:21 **Motion:** SEN. HAWKS moved that **SB 65 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:31:31 Sen. Hawks

00:34:05 Sen. Bales

00:34:36 Sen. Liable

00:35:18 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

00:36:58 Sen. Liable

00:37:40 Mr. Schultz

00:38:41 Sen. Bales

00:38:53 Sen. Hawks

Vote: Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with SEN. BARKUS,
SEN. BARRETT, SEN. BRENDEN, SEN. LAIBLE, and SEN. RIPLEY voting
no. SENS. Hansen and Tropila voted by proxy.

00:41:27 Sen. Cooney

00:41:32 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:48 P.M.

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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