

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN KEITH BALES, on January 26, 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. John Brenden (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. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (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 245, 1/19/2009; SB 73, 1/15/2009

Executive Action: None.

00:00:03 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:26 SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 245, Revise fiscal note law.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs18a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs18a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:00 Director David Ewer, Office of the Governor, Program and Planning Office

00:14:01 Sen. Barkus, Sen. Barrett, Sen. Liable, Sen. Schmidt, Sen. Tropila, Sen. Williams now present.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:23 Sen. Liable
00:18:18 Director Ewer
00:18:27 Bales
00:18:29 Sen. Barkus
00:18:57 Sen. Balyeat
00:20:04 Sen. Barkus
00:20:30 Sen. Balyeat
00:21:19 Sen. Bales
00:21:21 Sen. Zinke
00:22:46 Sen. Balyeat
00:24:30 Sen. Zinke
00:24:44 Director Ewer
00:26:37 Sen. Bales

00:26:40 Sen. Barrett
00:28:14 Sen. Balyeat
00:29:09 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:22 Sen. Balyeat
[EXHIBIT\(fcs18a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs18a04\)](#)

00:31:05 Sen. Bales
00:31:47 Sen. Hawks

HEARING ON SB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:53 Sen. Hawks

SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on **SB 73**, Revise laws on medium-speed electric vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:27 Tyler Evilsizer, SAVE Foundation

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

00:36:55 Larry Fasbender, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:37:35 Sen. Brueggeman now present

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:08 Sen. Bales
00:41:13 Sen. Tropila
00:41:39 Mr. Fasbender
00:42:15 Sen. Zinke
00:42:40 Mr. Fasbender
00:43:19 Sen. Zinke
00:43:27 Mr. Fasbender
00:43:32 Sen. Hawks
00:44:21 Sen. Bales
00:44:42 Mr. Fasbender
00:45:18 Sen. Bales

00:45:28 Sen. Brueggeman
00:46:46 Sen. Bales
00:47:28 Mr. Fasbender
00:47:39 Sen. Bales
00:47:42 Bill Griffinberg, DOJ, IT
00:48:05 Sen. Esp
00:48:23 Mr. Griffinburg
00:49:16 Sen. Esp
00:49:30 Mr. Griffinburg
00:49:54 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:13 Sen. Hawks
00:50:50 Sen. Bales

Additional Exhibit:

[EXHIBIT](#)(fcs18a05)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:59 P.M.

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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