

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman John Esp, on January 30, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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 61, 1/16/2009; SB 261,
1/20/2009; SB 272, 1/20/2009

Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON SB 261

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:34 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 261, Generally revise transportation safety laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:09 George Culpepper, Jr., member Flathead County
Transportation Advisory Board

00:02:48 Steve Earle, General Manager, Mountain Line, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(los22a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los22a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los22a03\)](#)

00:07:36 Andy Sponseller, Missoula Urban Transportation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:04 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:36 Sen. Dan McGee (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 272, Exclude public schools from impact fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:12 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
(MBIA)

00:15:43 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

00:17:06 Chip Pigman, Bitterroot Building, Hamilton

00:18:33 Richard Smith, Chairman, Gallatin County Area Impact
Fee Advisory Board

00:21:32 Katie Hanning, Great Falls

00:22:26 Ryan Morton, representing Missoula Building Industry
Association

[EXHIBIT\(los22a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los22a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: (Con't)

00:27:04 Terry Kramer, builder, Kalispell, also speaking for
Flathead Building Association and Kalispell Chamber of
Commerce
00:27:50 Charles Lapp, Flathead Building Association
00:30:42 Travis Martinez, Ravalli County
00:31:37 Bill Pierce, homebuilder, Helena
00:32:06 George Culpepper, Jr., Government Affairs Director,
Montana Association of Realtors
00:33:55 Ray Mehre, builder, Billings, also speaking for
Homebuilders Association of Billings
00:36:27 Cory Swanson representing Kalispell Chamber of
Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:57 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MSBA)
00:40:07 Sen. Laslovich arrived at hearing
00:41:55 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators
of Montana
00:45:01 Lynne Scalia, representing Monforton School District
00:49:08 Marco Ferro, representing MEA/MFT
00:51:07 Tim Davis, Montana School Group Coalition
00:52:18 John Vincent, Gallatin County
00:58:35 Herb Benz, Superintendent, Belgrade Schools
[EXHIBIT\(los22a06\)](#)
01:03:46 Lance Voegele, Trustee, Belgrade School District

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:20 Sen. Gillan
01:05:35 Tim Davis
01:06:52 Sen. Tutvedt
01:07:30 Earl Benz
01:08:25 Sen. Barkus
01:09:03 Bob Vogel, MSBA
01:10:50 Chairman Esp
01:11:16 Richard Smith
01:13:10 Chairman Esp
01:13:35 Lynn Scalia
01:15:03 Sen. Gillan
01:15:31 Lynn Scalia
01:16:14 Sen. Essmann
01:16:42 Lynn Scalia

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: (Con't)

01:18:46 Chairman Esp
01:19:11 Dustin Stewart (MBIA)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:34 Sen. McGee

HEARING ON SB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:58 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 61,
Public school consideration in impact fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:34 Lance Voegele, Trustee, Belgrade School District
01:38:16 John Vincent, Gallatin County resident

01:40:47 Sen. Erickson arrived at hearing

01:44:16 Marco Ferro, MEA/MFT
01:44:59 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana
01:45:33 Herb Benz, Superintendent, Belgrade School
01:46:54 Lynne Scalia, Trustee of Montforton School District
01:49:26 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:51:56 Former U.S. Representative Rick Hill, representing
Montana Business/Industry Association

EXHIBIT (los22a07)

01:58:35 Richard Smith, Bozeman
02:01:16 Terry Kramer, builder, Kalispell
02:03:00 Glenn Oppel, representing Montana Association of
Realtors (MAR)

EXHIBIT (los22a08)

02:06:06 George Culpepper, Jr., Northwest Montana Association of
Realtors
02:09:14 Mike Jarrett, homebuilder, Bozeman
02:10:57 Ryan Morton, Missoula Building Industry Association
02:12:54 Charles Lapp, Flathead Builders Association
02:13:52 Corey Swanson, representing Kalispell Chamber of
Commerce

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:49 Sen. Erickson
02:15:25 Sen. Hawks
02:16:07 Sen. Tutvedt
02:16:48 Sen. Hawks
02:19:30 Chairman Esp
02:20:07 Bob Vogel (MSBA)
02:20:46 Sen. Jackson
02:22:23 Bob Vogel
02:23:14 Chairman Esp
02:23:52 Sen. Hawks
02:25:07 Chairman Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

02:25:37 Sen. Hawks

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([los22aad.pdf](#))