

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on March 3, 2009 at 8:00
A.M., in Room 303 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 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)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

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: None.

Executive Action: None.

00:00:07 Sen. Bales

**Overview of Federal Economic Stimulus/Current State Legislation
and Committee Questions**

00:04:54 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a03\)](#)

00:27:53 Sen. Bales

Questions from the Committee

00:27:58 Sen. Hawks
00:28:31 Ms. Purdy, LFD
00:28:38 Sen. Bales
00:28:44 Sen. Schmidt
00:29:35 Ms. Purdy
00:30:39 Sen. Bales
00:30:40 Sen. Barkus
00:30:57 Ms. Purdy
00:31:54 Sen. Bales
00:31:56 Sen. Esp
00:32:40 Ms. Purdy
00:33:03 Sen. Bales
00:33:03 Sen. Laible
00:33:32 Ms. Purdy
00:34:16 Sen. Laible
00:34:55 Ms. Purdy
00:35:28 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:35:48 Sen. Bales
00:35:50 Sen. Peterson
00:36:26 Ms. Wilkinson
00:37:52 Sen. Peterson
00:38:08 Ms. Wilkinson
00:38:23 Sen. Peterson
00:38:33 Ms. Wilkinson
00:38:41 Sen. Bales
00:38:43 Sen. Esp
00:39:18 Ms. Purdy
00:40:03 Sen. Bales
00:40:06 Sen. Gallus

00:40:31 Ms. Purdy
00:41:06 Sen. Bales

General State Government and Other Governments

00:42:29 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
00:48:41 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
00:52:44 Phil Hathaway, Sweetgrass County Commissioner
00:54:47 Sen. Bales
00:54:50 Mike McGrath, Chief Justice Supreme Court
00:58:55 Sen. Bales
00:59:00 John Mudd, Chief Legal Council, State Auditor's Office
01:04:08 David Schulz, Madison County Commissioner
01:06:19 Les Gilman, Rancher
01:09:09 Paul Mosely, Madison County Economic Development
01:11:36 Mark Aegenes, Montana Trout Unlimited
01:12:26 Sen. Bales
01:12:56 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana and the National Center for
Appropriate Technology

EXHIBIT (fcs47a04)

EXHIBIT (fcs47a05)

01:18:18 Sen. Bales
01:18:23 Crystal Turner, Gallatin County

EXHIBIT (fcs47a06)

01:19:05 Rebecca Guay, Executive, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
01:21:01 Sen. Bales
01:21:02 John Engen, Mayor, City of Missoula
01:22:38 Sen. Bales
01:22:40 Ed Bartlett, Yellowstone County
01:23:08 Jeanine Gentry, St. John's Lutheran Hospital, Libby MT

EXHIBIT (fcs47a07)

01:25:31 Paul Babb, Chief Executive, Butte-Silverbow County
01:26:39 Sen. Bales
01:26:41 Gayla Wortman, Cascade County Conservation District
01:28:54 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of
Conservation Districts
01:29:28 Billie Lee, Lake County Community Development
01:34:30 Sen. Bales

Questions from the Committee

01:34:39 Sen. Esp
01:35:46 Mr. Hansen
01:36:15 Sen. Esp
01:36:40 Mr. Hansen
01:36:57 Sen. Bales

01:37:00 Sen. Schmidt
01:37:24 Mr. Hansen
01:38:53 Sen. Bales

Education

01:39:54 Denise Juneau, Superintendent of Public Instruction
[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a08\)](#)

01:49:07 Mick Robinson, Montana University System
[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a09\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a10\)](#)

01:57:29 Mary Moe, Deputy Commissioner for Two-Year Education
02:00:56 Jim Cargil, President, Dawson Community College,
representing Montana's Community Colleges
02:02:55 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a11\)](#)

02:08:37 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators
of Montana
02:11:50 Joe McDonald, President, Salish Kootenai College
[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a12\)](#)

02:15:14 Lisa Duffey, Assistant Dean, Montana Agriculture
Experiment Station
02:16:43 Kevin Bradley, Vice-Chair, Montana Ag Experiment
Station Advisory Council
02:18:52 Jim Knight, Associate Director, MSU Extension
02:21:58 Claudette Morton, Montana Small Schools Alliance
02:24:11 Chris Laity, American Society of Civil Engineers
[EXHIBIT \(fcs47a13\)](#) [EXHIBIT \(fcs47a14\)](#)

02:28:37 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
02:29:11 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education
02:26:39 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association
02:30:05 Billie Lee, Lake County Community Development
02:32:31 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools
02:33:41 Jay Preston, Board of Salish Kootenai College

Questions from the Committee

02:34:48 Sen. Hansen
02:35:16 Mr. McDonald
02:36:14 Sen. Laible
02:36:51 Ms. Juneau
02:37:25 Sen. Schmidt
02:37:56 B. J. Granberry, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
02:38:42 Sen. Schmidt

02:39:00 Ms. Granberry
02:39:34 Sen. Bales
02:39:40 Ms. Granberry
02:39:48 Sen. Bales
02:39:53 Ms. Granberry
02:40:50 Sen. Bales
02:40:54 Sen. Hawks
02:41:33 Ms. Juneau
02:41:42 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
02:42:18 Sen. Hawks
02:42:34 Ms. Quinlan
02:43:09 Sen. Barrett
02:43:37 Ms. Stearns
02:43:58 Sen. Schmidt
02:44:38 Bob Runkle, OPI
02:47:24 Sen. Bales

02:47:32 Break
02:58:51 Reconvene

02:58:54 Sen. Bales

Human Services/Employment Services and Training

03:00:12 Anna Whiting Sorrel, Department of Public Health and
Human Services (DPHHS)
03:02:05 Sen. Bales
03:02:13 Charlie Briggs, Easter Seals/Goodwill
03:07:35 Kate Cholewa, representing herself
03:09:58 Anita Roessmann

EXHIBIT (fcs47a15)

03:17:58 Sen. Bales
03:18:14 Ms. Gilbertson, American Cancer Society
03:19:18 Craig Erickson, Director Infrastructure Services, Bear
Paw Development
03:21:41 Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services
03:24:27 Kathlyn Driscoll, Ravalli County Commissioner
03:25:44 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care
Association
03:29:31 Jan Cahill, Executive Director, Montana Association of
Community Disability Services
03:34:40 Judy Shawstad, Ronan
03:37:08 Brian Magee, Executive Director, Montana Nonprofit
Association

EXHIBIT (fcs47a16)

03:41:00 Sen. Bales
03:41:09 Ann Carpenter, Montana Childcare Association

03:43:42 Tara Veazey, Executive Director, Montana Budget and
Policy Center

EXHIBIT (fcs47a17)

03:45:25 Michael O'Neil, Montana Home Choice

03:47:27 Rep. Mary Caferro

03:49:44 Sen. Bales

Questions from the Committee

03:50:48 Sen. Schmidt

03:51:09 Ms. Cholewa

03:52:17 Sen. Bales

Infrastructure

03:53:39 Forest Sanderson, City of Red Lodge

03:55:20 Tim Ravndal, representing himself

04:00:24 Rebecca Guay, Chief Executive, Anaconda-Deer Lodge
County

04:03:41 Ned Trowbridge, Darby City Council

04:04:32 Matt Ellis, Missoula Downtown Association

04:07:12 Rob Austin, Missoula Downtown Association

04:09:46 Dick King, President and CEO, Missoula Area Economic
Development Corporation

04:12:15 Sherm Anderson, Sun Mountain Lumber, Deer Lodge MT

04:16:25 Al Schellinger, contractor

04:17:37 Marvin Rehben

04:18:23 Mike Newton, Fisher Sand and Gravel

04:19:35 Scott Olsen, Helena Sand and Gravel

04:21:17 John Forkan, President, Montana State Building and
Construction Trades Council

04:22:06 Jim Davison, Montana Economic Development Corporations

04:23:27 Randy Sobak, Local 400, International Union of
Operating Engineers (IUOE)

04:23:58 Janice Grosfield, Drummond

04:25:06 Billie Lee, Lake County Community Development

04:26:59 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Recess: 12:30 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs47aad.pdf](#))