

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on March 4, 2009 at 9:00
A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
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 216, 2/20/2009; SB 460,
2/12/2009; SB 63, 2/20/2009;

Executive Action: SB 216; SB 63

00:00:02 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:26 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on
SB 216, Revise laws on school district interlocal
agreements and on calculating ANB.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:18 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

00:05:20 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)

00:06:04 Sen. Bales

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:21 Jan Rouse, Director, Montana Youth Challenge

Sen. Schmidt, Sen. Williams, Sen. Cooney, Sen.
Brueggeman and Sen. Tropila are now present.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:08 Sen. Hawks

00:07:49 Mr. Burke

00:07:59 Sen. Hawks

00:08:35 Mr. Burke

00:09:31 Sen. Bales

00:09:40 Sen. Barrett

00:10:01 Sen. Laible

00:10:40 Sen. Bales

00:10:48 Sen. Tropila

00:11:03 Ms. Rouse

00:11:08 Sen. Tropila

00:11:20 Ms. Rouse
00:11:37 Sen. Tropila
00:11:40 Ms. Rouse
00:11:46 Sen. Bales
Sen. Barkus now present
00:11:49 Sen. Hansen
00:12:09 Ms. Rouse
00:13:40 Sen. Zinke
00:14:27 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:37 Sen. Laslovich
00:16:28 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 460

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:50 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB
460, Committee to oversee and evaluate stimulus package
funding.
00:19:40 Sen. Brendan now present

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:58 Director David Ewer, Governor's Budget Office

Informational Testimony:

00:33:05 Susan Fox, Director, Legislative Services Division
(LSD)

EXHIBIT (fcs48a01)

00:33:41 Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Auditor

00:37:24 Sen. Bales

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:32 Sen. Williams
00:38:24 Sen. Story

00:38:57 Sen. Williams
00:39:20 Sen. Story
00:39:29 Sen. Bales
00:39:31 Sen. Laible
00:41:34 Director Ewer
00:43:27 Sen. Laible
00:44:23 Director Ewer
00:47:11 Sen. Bales
00:47:14 Sen. Peterson
00:47:45 Sen. Story
00:49:08 Sen. Peterson
00:49:53 Sen. Story
00:53:04 Sen. Peterson
00:53:33 Sen. Story
00:54:04 Sen. Bales
00:54:05 Sen. Cooney
00:54:52 Sen. Story
00:55:36 Sen. Cooney
00:56:18 Sen. Story
00:56:33 Sen. Cooney
00:57:07 Sen. Story
00:58:06 Sen. Cooney
00:58:46 Sen. Story
00:59:14 Sen. Cooney
00:59:54 Sen. Story
01:00:20 Sen. Cooney
01:01:03 Sen. Story
01:01:23 Sen. Bales
01:01:28 Sen. Hawks
01:03:08 Sen. Story
01:05:41 Sen. Hawks
01:05:45 Sen. Bales
01:05:49 Sen. Schmidt
01:06:42 Ms. Fox
01:07:19 Sen. Schmidt
01:07:48 Ms. Hunthausen
01:08:42 Sen. Wanzenried
01:09:26 Ms. Fox
01:10:14 Sen. Wanzenried
01:10:47 Ms. Fox
01:11:48 Sen. Wanzenried
01:12:23 Sen. Story
01:12:41 Sen. Wanzenried
01:13:01 Sen. Story
01:14:43 Sen. Wanzenried
01:15:11 Sen. Story
01:16:25 Sen. Wanzenried
01:16:27 Sen. Bales
01:16:31 Sen. Tropila
01:16:52 Sen. Story

01:17:35 Sen. Bales
01:17:38 Sen. Williams
01:18:14 Ms. Fox
01:18:40 Sen. Williams
01:19:11 Ms. Fox
01:19:35 Sen. Williams for Sen. Barkus
01:20:07 Ms. Hunthausen
01:20:52 Sen. Williams
01:21:03 Ms. Hunthausen
01:21:23 Sen. Bales
01:22:02 Director Ewer
01:22:08 Sen. Bales
01:22:37 Director Ewer
01:23:56 Sen. Bales
01:24:43 Director Ewer
01:25:56 Sen. Bales
01:26:45 Director Ewer
01:28:11 Sen. Bales
01:28:53 Director Ewer
01:29:44 Sen. Bales
01:29:47 Sen. Williams
01:30:29 Director Ewer
01:31:38 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:44 Sen. Story
01:36:57 Sen. Bales
01:37:07 Recess
01:50:00 Reconvene
01:50:26 Sen. Bales

Sen. Peterson, Sen. Schmidt, Sen. Barkus Sen. Gallus
and Sen. Williams not present

HEARING ON SB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:51:02 Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 63, Tax
incentives for volunteer EMTs and their employers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:54:40 Cliff Christian, American Heart Association (AHA)

01:58:18 Carl Peil, AARP Montana

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01:59:31 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

02:00:35 Sen. Bales

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:59 Sen. Cooney

02:01:35 Sen. Laible

02:02:09 Sen. Cooney

02:02:26 Mr. Christian, AHA

02:03:01 Sen. Cooney

02:03:03 Mr. Christian

02:03:17 Sen. Bales

02:03:18 Sen. Zinke

02:03:42 Sen. Laible

02:04:05 Sen. Zinke

02:04:11 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:25 Sen. Laible

02:05:45 Sen. Bales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 216

02:06:11 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 216 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:06:17 Sen. Cooney

02:06:59 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

02:07:40 Sen. Cooney

02:07:45 Sen. Bales

02:07:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote, present and voting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 63

02:08:13 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved that **SB 63 DO PASS.**

Sen. Williams now present

02:08:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved that **SB 63 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote, present and voting.

EXHIBIT (fcs48a03)

Discussion:

02:08:54 Sen. Laible requested that a new fiscal note be drafted.

02:09:15 Sen. Bales

02:09:25 Sen. Laible withdrew his motion do pass as amended.
Sen. Schmidt now present

02:09:42 Sen. Bales

General Fund Status Sheet

02:10:09 Ms. Purdy, LFD

EXHIBIT (fcs48a04)

02:19:46 Sen. Hawks

02:20:04 Ms. Purdy

02:20:12 Sen. Laible

02:20:38 Ms. Purdy

02:20:54 Sen. Laible

02:21:03 Ms. Purdy

02:21:11 Sen. Laible

02:21:33 Ms. Purdy

02:22:19 Sen. Laible

02:22:52 Ms. Purdy

02:23:16 Sen. Laible

02:23:26 Sen. Bales

02:23:27 Sen. Esp

02:23:58 Ms. Purdy

02:24:21 Sen. Bales

02:24:30 Sen. Ripley

02:25:02 Ms. Purdy

02:25:36 Sen. Bales

02:25:41 Ms. Purdy

02:26:04 Sen. Bales

02:26:29 Sen. Cooney

02:27:01 Sen. Bales

02:27:19 Sen. Williams

02:27:47 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs48aad.pdf](#))