

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on March 11, 2009 at 8:00
A.M., in Room 317-A 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. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
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. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (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 446, 2/26/2009; SB 402,
3/6/2009; SB 291, 3/6/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Bales

HEARING ON SB 446

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:37 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB
446, Revise specialty hospital law.

00:04:04 Sen. Laible now present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:49 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association

00:07:23 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, St. Vincent's
Hospital, et al.

00:08:12 Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic and Great Falls Clinic
Medical Center

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:33 Jeff Buska, Department of Public Health and Human
Services (DPHHS)

00:10:28 Sen. Barkus, Sen. Barrett, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Peterson
and Sen. Williams now present

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:42 Sen. Hawks

00:11:06 Sen. Story

00:11:25 Chairman Bales

00:11:42 Sen. Story

00:13:00 Chairman Bales

00:13:07 Ms. Jamison

00:15:07 Chairman Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:20 Sen. Story

00:16:16 Chairman Bales

HEARING ON SB 402

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:44 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 402, Clarify property rights for which just compensation is due when taken.

[EXHIBIT \(fcs54a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs54a02\)](#)

00:18:30 Sen. Brueggeman now present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:29 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrower's Association and for John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

00:31:38 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

00:32:21 Web Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:32:51 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:33:08 Vanessa Clark, Helena Chamber of Commerce

00:33:38 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

00:34:06 Chuck Hahn, Hahn Ranch, Townsend

Sen. Brueggeman not present

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:25 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:39:39 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:43:47 Gene Allison, Department of Labor (DLI)

00:48:57 Candace West, Chief Counsel, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:52:42 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:56:48 Mila Harris, Gallatin County Legislative Liaison

00:57:12 John McDonald, City of Missoula

00:58:29 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

01:00:19 Kelly Casillas, Department of Commerce (COM)

01:02:47 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

01:04:20 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

01:06:04 Chairman Bales

Informational Testimony:

01:06:12 Chris Tweeten, Chief Civil Counsel, Office of Attorney
General (OAG)
01:11:59 Chairman Bales

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:08 Sen. Brendan
01:12:44 Mr. Lane, FWP
01:14:52 Sen. Brendan
01:15:45 Mr. Lane
01:16:41 Sen. Brendan
01:17:16 Mr. Lane
01:17:41 Sen. Hansen
01:18:20 Mr. Tweeten, OAG
01:20:24 Sen. Ripley
01:21:37 Sen. Peterson
01:22:11 Sen. Zinke
01:22:42 Mr. Bloomquist
01:23:24 Sen. Zinke
01:24:22 Mr. Bloomquist
01:25:38 Sen. Barrett
01:26:24 Mr. Lane
01:26:58 Sen. Barrett
01:27:50 Mr. Lane
01:28:29 Sen. Barrett
01:28:56 Mr. Lane
01:29:43 Sen. Barrett
01:30:20 Mr. Tweeten
01:30:46 Sen. Barrett
01:31:00 Mr. Tweeten
01:31:19 Mr. Bloomquist
01:32:50 Chairman Bales
01:32:55 Sen. Cooney
01:33:13 Mr. Denowh
01:33:34 Sen. Cooney
01:33:57 Mr. Hahn
01:34:01 Sen. Cooney
01:34:17 Mr. Hahn
01:34:40 Sen. Cooney
01:35:31 Mr. Allison, DLI
01:35:54 Sen. Cooney
01:36:43 Mr. Allison
01:37:02 Sen. Cooney
01:37:59 Sen. Peterson
01:38:18 Sen. Tropila
01:38:52 Sen. Peterson
01:39:36 Sen. Tropila
01:40:07 Sen. Peterson

01:41:09 Sen. Tropila
01:41:37 Sen. Peterson
01:42:25 Sen. Hawks
01:43:17 Sen. Peterson
01:46:40 Sen. Hawks
01:48:08 Sen. Peterson
01:49:53 Sen. Hawks
01:50:43 Chairman Bales
01:50:45 Sen. Peterson
01:50:54 Sen. Laible
01:51:35 Mr. Tweeten
01:51:51 Sen. Laible
01:52:03 Mr. Tweeten
01:53:02 Sen. Laible
01:53:31 Mr. Tweeten
01:54:28 Sen. Laible
01:55:01 Mr. Tweeten
01:55:20 Sen. Lewis
01:56:57 Sen. Peterson
01:57:59 Sen. Cooney
01:58:16 Mr. Hahn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:56 Sen. Peterson

02:03:46 Recess

02:23:37 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:23:46 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 291, Montana railroad authority.

[EXHIBIT \(fcs54a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:29:26 Larry Bonderud, representing himself

02:36:10 Vice-Chair Lewis

Opponents' Testimony:

02:36:15 Evan Barrett, Office of the Governor

02:40:23 Joel Clairmont, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

02:41:39 Vice-Chair Lewis

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses

02:41:58 Sen. Laible
02:43:20 Sen. Black
02:44:14 Sen. Laible
02:44:41 Sen. Black
02:45:23 Sen. Laible
02:45:57 Sen. Black
02:46:34 Sen. Laible
02:46:35 Vice-Chair Lewis
02:46:42 Sen. Hawks
02:47:22 Mr. Bonderud
02:49:35 Sen. Hawks
02:49:57 Mr. Bonderud
02:51:07 Vice-Chair Lewis
02:51:08 Sen. Hansen
02:51:51 Sen. Brown
02:53:37 Sen. Hansen
02:54:17 Sen. Hansen
02:54:20 Vice-Chair Lewis
02:54:31 Sen. Schmidt
02:56:09 Sen. Black
02:57:56 Sen. Schmidt
02:58:32 Sen. Black
02:59:27 Sen. Schmidt
02:59:36 Sen. Black
03:00:17 Sen. Brendan
03:02:00 Mr. Bonderud
03:05:14 Sen. Cooney
03:05:42 Sen. Black
03:06:26 Sen. Cooney
03:06:38 Mr. Barrett
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03:08:55 Mr. Barrett
03:11:07 Sen. Cooney
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03:13:37 Vice-Chair Lewis
03:13:40 Sen. Schmidt
03:13:59 Sen. Black
03:14:53 Vice-Chair Lewis
03:14:55 Sen. Laible
03:16:33 Mr. Barrett

03:19:13 Sen. Hawks
03:19:50 Mr. Barrett
03:22:15 Sen. Ripley
03:23:11 Mr. Barrett
03:24:33 Vice-Chair Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

03:24:47 Sen. Black

03:28:01 Chairman Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs54aad.pdf](#))