

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman John Esp, on March 23, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 405 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. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
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: HB 449; HB 630, 3/17/2009

Executive Action: HB 466 ~ DO CONCUR
HB 563 ~ DISCUSSION

HEARING ON HB 449

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on
HB 449, Revise state and local government finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:45 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources &
Conservation (DNRC)

00:10:41 L. Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana
Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:26 Dan Semmens, Dorsey & Whitney, Missoula

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:15 Sen. Barkus
00:17:55 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:19:09 Sen. Barkus
00:19:16 Dan Semmens, Dorsey & Whitney
00:21:16 Senators Jackson and Erickson arrived at the hearing.
00:21:24 Dan Semmens
00:21:53 Sen. Gallus
00:23:06 L. Harold Blattie, MACo
00:24:21 Sen. Gallus
00:24:35 Rep. McChesney
00:25:18 Chairman Esp
00:26:17 Anna Miller
00:30:55 Sen. Gillan
00:32:02 L. Harold Blattie
00:35:19 Chairman Esp
00:35:46 Anna Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:25 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 630

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:55 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on
HB 630, Revise laws relating to improvement district
revolving funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:27 Brentt Ramharter, Finance Director, City of Missoula
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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:18 Sen. Tutvedt
00:46:35 Brentt Ramharter, Missoula
00:47:37 Sen. Erickson
00:47:49 Brentt Ramharter
00:48:35 Sen. Essmann
00:48:50 Brentt Ramharter
00:53:47 Sen. Gillan
00:54:51 Dan Semmens, Dorsey & Whitney, Missoula
01:02:35 Sen. Gallus
01:02:50 L. Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
(MACo)
01:03:14 Sen. Erickson
01:03:55 Brentt Ramharter
01:06:44 Chairman Esp
01:07:07 Brentt Ramharter
01:08:13 Senator Laslovich arrived at the hearing.
01:08:54 Brentt Ramharter
01:11:08 Sen. Barkus
01:12:11 Brentt Ramharter
01:15:14 Chairman Esp
01:15:40 L. Harold Blattie, MACo
01:16:53 Leanne Heisel, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:17:20 Sen. Erickson
01:18:08 Brentt Ramharter
01:18:35 Sen. Essmann
01:19:13 Brentt Ramharter

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:21 Rep. Sands

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 466

01:22:21 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **HB 466 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:22:41 Chairman Esp

01:23:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen.
Tutvedt will carry HB 466.

Committee Discussion on HB 563:

01:25:22 Chairman Esp

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01:26:39 L. Harold Blattie, MACo

01:27:54 Sen. Tutvedt

01:28:39 Sen. Gillan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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