

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on March 24, 2009 at 8:00
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 Brenden (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 15, 3/19/2009

Executive Action: HJ 33; HB 71; HB 104; HB 107; HB
112; HB 123; HB 127

00:00:43 Chairman Bales

Sen. Barkus, Sen. Esp, Sen. Schmidt and Sen. Wanzenried
now present

HEARING ON HB 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB
15, Fund K-12 education.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:58 Jan Lombardi, Governor's Education Advisor
00:03:39 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:04:43 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
00:05:42 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
00:06:30 Dave Puyear, MREA

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:18 Nancy Hall, Governor's Budget Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:34 Sen. Laible
00:08:00 Ms. Quinlan, OPI
00:08:29 Sen. Laible
00:08:37 Ms. Quinlan
Sen. Peterson, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Tropila now present
00:08:51 Sen. Barrett
00:09:12 Ms. Quinlan
00:09:39 Sen. Tropila
00:10:09 Rep. Villa
00:11:21 Sen. Ripley
00:11:48 Rep. Villa

00:12:49 Sen. Ripley
 00:13:03 Rep. Villa
 00:13:43 Sen. Zinke
 00:14:14 Ms. Quinlan
 00:15:29 Sen. Hansen
 00:15:46 Rep. Villa
 00:16:12 Sen. Peterson
 00:16:40 Rep. Villa
 00:18:01 Sen. Tropila
 00:18:29 Rep. Villa
 00:19:21 Chairman Bales
 Sen. Brueggeman now present
 00:19:51 Ms. Quinlan
 00:20:12 Chairman Bales
 00:20:24 Ms. Quinlan
 00:20:39 Chairman Bales
 00:20:58 Ms. Quinlan
 00:21:45 Chairman Bales
 00:22:17 Ms. Quinlan
 00:22:46 Chairman Bales
 00:23:20 Ms. Quinlan
 00:23:51 Chairman Bales
 00:24:16 Ms. Quinlan
 00:24:46 Chairman Bales
 00:25:22 Ms. Quinlan
 00:25:47 Sen. Hawks
 00:26:26 Ms. Quinlan
 00:26:47 Chairman Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:57 Rep. Villa

 00:28:25 Recess
 00:34:23 Reconvene

 00:35:24 Chairman Bales

 Sen. Gallus not present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 33

00:37:28 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HJ 33 BE CONCURRED IN.**

 00:37:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cooney moved that **HJ 33 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(fcs65a01)

00:38:14 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HJ 33 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:38:28 Chairman Bales
00:38:58 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:39:44 Sen. Laible
00:40:19 Ms. Purdy, LFD
00:40:34 Sen. Laible
00:40:50 Ms. Purdy
00:41:47 Sen. Barkus
00:42:26 Sen. Williams
00:42:48 Chairman Bales

00:42:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barkus, Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Esp, and Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 71

00:44:17 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HB 71 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:44:49 Sen. Hawks
00:45:24 Sen. Esp
00:45:34 Sen. Barkus
00:45:58 Chairman Bales
00:46:09 Ms. Purdy
00:46:37 Sen. Barkus
00:47:00 Ms. Purdy
00:47:38 Chairman Bales
00:47:56 Sen. Laible
00:48:34 Sen. Lewis

00:48:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Esp voting no. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 104

00:49:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HB 104 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 107

00:50:20 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HB 107 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:51:22 Ms. Purdy

00:51:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 112

00:51:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HB 112 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123

00:52:30 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 123 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:53:36 Ms. Purdy

00:54:50 Sen. Ripley

00:55:00 Ms. Purdy

00:55:42 **Motion:** Sen. Brueggeman moved that **HB 123 BE AMENDED**. [EXHIBIT\(fcs65a02\)](#)

Discussion:

00:57:26 Sen. Ripley

00:58:00 Sen. Brueggeman

00:58:26 Sen. Hawks

00:58:42 Sen. Brenden

00:59:07 Sen. Barkus

00:59:32 Sen. Ripley

00:59:51 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote with Sen. Barkus and Sen. Esp voting no. Sen. Esp and Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

01:00:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 123 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Esp voting no. Sen. Esp and Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

Sen. Gallus and Sen. Esp now present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 127

01:02:17 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **HB 127 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:02:53 Sen. Barkus

01:03:09 Chairman Bales

01:03:17 Ms. Purdy

01:03:27 Sen. Hawks

01:04:12 Sen. Barkus

01:04:46 Sen. Cooney

01:06:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Barkus voting no.

01:07:11 Chairman Bales

01:10:33 Sen. Zinke

01:12:06 Sen. Hawks

01:12:25 Chairman Bales

01:12:34 Sen. Laible

01:12:46 Chairman Bales

01:12:53 Sen. Tropila

01:13:32 Chairman Bales

01:14:44 Sen. Williams

01:15:09 Ms. Purdy

01:15:40 Sen. Laible

01:16:20 Sen. Zinke

01:16:36 Chairman Bales

01:16:40 Sen. Hawks

01:17:59 Chairman Bales

01:18:15 Sen. Wanzenried

01:18:35 Chairman Bales

01:18:47 Sen. Wanzenried

01:19:06 Chairman Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs65aad.pdf](#))