

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on March 26, 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. Gregory D. Barkus (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. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
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: HB 2, 3/19/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Reconvene 8:05 a.m.
00:01:13 Sen. Cooney
00:01:16 Chairman Bales
Sen. Williams now present
00:03:04 Sen. Cooney
00:03:18 Chairman Bales
00:03:41 Sen. Esp now present

HEARING ON HB 2 (CONTINUED)

Section B - Health and Human Services:

00:04:26 Rep. Teresa Henry opened on Section B of HB 2.

Discussion:

00:12:07 Sen. Laible
00:12:29 Sen. Schmidt
00:14:52 Sen. Schmidt
00:15:12 Chairman Bales

Informational Testimony:

00:15:25 Director Anna Whiting Sorrell, Department of Public
Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

00:18:47 Sen. Lewis
00:19:24 Director Whiting Sorrell
00:21:29 Sen. Lewis
00:22:05 Director Whiting Sorrell
00:22:24 Sen. Ripley
00:22:48 Director Whiting Sorrell
00:24:26 Sen. Ripley
00:24:33 Director Whiting Sorrell
00:24:42 Chairman Bales
00:24:59 Rep. Henry
00:26:16 Laurie Lamson, DPHHS
00:27:56 Sen. Ripley
00:28:23 Ms. Lamson

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00:29:40 Sen. Reipley
 00:29:57 Ms. Lamson
 00:30:25 Sen. Zinke
 00:30:53 Rep. Henry
 00:31:10 Sen. Zinke
 00:31:44 Rep. Henry
 00:32:59 Sen. Zinke
 00:33:20 Rep. Henry
 00:33:26 Sen. Barrett
 00:33:56 Rep. Henry
 00:34:02 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 00:34:47 Sen. Barrett
 00:35:26 Ms. Steinbeck
 00:35:50 Sen. Barrett
 00:36:09 Rep. Henry
 00:37:16 Sen. Barrett
 00:37:20 Chairman Bales
 00:37:21 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:37:47 Director Whiting Sorrell
 00:37:56 Mary Dalton, Medicaid and Health Services Branch
 Manager, DPHHS
 00:38:06 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:38:28 Ms. Dalton, DPHHS
 00:39:19 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:39:32 Ms. Dalton
 00:40:38 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:40:40 Chairman Bales
 00:40:42 Sen. Schmidt
 00:41:08 Ms. Dalton
 00:41:55 Sen. Schmidt
 00:42:18 Ms. Lamson
 00:43:13 Sen. Schmidt
 00:43:31 Ms. Lamson
 00:45:05 Sen. Schmidt
 00:45:15 Ms. Lamson
 00:45:55 Sen. Tropila
 00:46:42 Director Whiting Sorrell
 00:49:17 Sen. Tropila
 00:49:27 Director Whiting Sorrell
 00:50:50 Sen. Bales
 00:51:58 Rep. Henry
 00:52:02 Chairman Bales
 00:52:19 Rep. Henry
 00:52:28 Ms. Steinbeck
 00:53:34 Chairman Bales
 00:53:51 Ms. Steinbeck
 00:54:00 Chairman Bales
 00:54:37 Director Whiting Sorrell
 00:55:44 Sen. Barkus
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 00:57:53 Director Whiting Sorrell
 00:58:08 Sen. Barkus
 00:59:02 Director Whiting Sorrell
 01:00:48 Sen. Barkus
 01:00:52 Sen. Lewis
 01:02:08 Director Whiting Sorrell
 01:04:22 Sen. Lewis
 01:04:59 Director Whiting Sorrell
 01:05:45 Director David Ewer, Governor's Budget Office
 01:08:18 Chairman Bales
 01:08:48 Sen. Wanzenried
 01:09:18 Sen. Laible
 01:09:28 Chairman Bales
 01:09:36 Sen. Brenden
 01:09:43 Chairman Bales

Human and Community Services

01:10:03 Rep. Henry

Informational Testimony:

01:15:46 Hank Hudson, Branch Manager, Economic Community
 Services, DPHHS

Questions from Committee and Responses:

01:17:52 Sen. Laible
 01:18:17 Mr. Hudson, DPHHS
 01:19:56 Sen. Laible
 01:20:12 Mr. Hudson
 01:20:50 Mr. Hudson
 01:21:09 Sen. Laible
 01:21:51 Mr. Hudson
 01:22:10 Sen. Ripley
 01:22:49 Marilyn Daumiller, LFD
 01:23:00 Sen. Ripley
 01:23:04 Ms. Daumiller
 01:24:17 Sen. Ripley
 01:24:31 Ms. Daumiller
 01:25:10 Sen. Ripley
 01:25:28 Ms. Daumiller
 01:25:34 Chairman Bales
 01:25:37 Sen. Schmidt
 01:25:47 Ms. Daumiller
 01:25:49 Sen. Schmidt
 01:25:57 Rep. Henry
 01:26:49 Sen. Ripley

Child and Family Services

01:27:29 Rep. Henry

Informational Testimony:

01:30:34 Mr. Hudson, DPHHS

01:31:56 Rep. Henry

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

01:32:44 Sen. Laible

01:33:36 Rep. Henry

01:35:06 Sen. Laible

01:35:29 Mr. Hudson

01:36:24 Sen. Laible

01:36:39 Mr. Hudson

Directors Office

01:37:09 Rep. Henry

Informational Testimony:

01:38:32 Director Whiting Sorrell

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

01:38:49 Chairman Bales

01:39:07 Director Whiting Sorrell

01:39:48 Chairman Bales

01:39:59 Director Whiting Sorrell

01:40:28 Chris Wilkinson, LFD

Child Support Enforcement Division

01:40:47 Rep. Henry

Informational Testimony:

01:43:03 Mr. Hudson

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

01:43:45 Sen. Ripley

01:44:06 Mr. Hudson

01:44:17 Sen. Ripley

01:44:28 Mr. Hudson

01:44:43 Chairman Bales

01:44:57 Mr. Hudson
01:45:22 Ms. Daumiller
01:46:12 Chairman Bales
01:46:52 Ms. Steinbeck
01:47:50 Chairman Bales
01:48:26 Ms. Steinbeck
01:49:23 Chairman Bales
01:50:12 Ms. Steinbeck
01:50:25 Sen. Schmidt
01:50:40 Ms. Lamson
01:51:50 Chairman Bales
01:52:24 Ms. Lamson
01:52:49 Sen. Laible
01:53:17 Mr. Hudson
01:53:41 Lonnie Olson, Administrator, Child Support Enforcement
Division, DPHHS
01:54:27 Sen. Laible
01:54:39 Mr. Olson
01:55:14 Sen. Laible
01:55:19 Mr. Olson
01:55:45 Chairman Bales
01:55:54 Mr. Olson
01:56:21 Chairman Bales
01:56:55 Mr. Olson
01:57:14 Dawn Detienne, DPHHS
01:58:13 Chairman Bales
01:58:20 Ms. Detienne
01:59:13 Chairman Bales

01:59:21 Recess
02:18:21 Reconvene

02:18:36 Chairman Bales

Business and Financial Services Division

02:19:07 Rep. Henry

Informational Testimony:

02:20:06 Ms. Lamson
02:21:21 Sen. Bales

Public Health and Safety Division

02:21:29 Rep. Henry
02:25:04 Chairman Bales
02:25:22 Rep. Henry

EXHIBIT(fcs67a01)

Informational Testimony:

02:27:16 Director Whiting Sorrell

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

02:30:00 Sen. Barrett
02:30:19 Director Whiting Sorrell
02:30:50 Sen. Barrett
02:31:06 Rep. Henry
02:32:32 Sen. Barrett
02:32:36 Rep. Henry
02:32:52 Sen. Laible
02:33:38 Director Whiting Sorrell
02:34:15 Sen. Ripley
02:34:42 Rep. Henry
02:34:47 Sen. Ripley
02:34:54 Ms. Wilkinson
02:35:35 Chairman Bales
02:36:03 Ms. Wilkinson

EXHIBIT(fcs67a02)

02:38:06 Rep. Henry

Quality Assurance Division

02:39:23 Rep. Henry

Informational Testimony:

02:41:19 Ms. Lamson
02:43:06 Chairman Bales

Technology Services Division

02:43:11 Rep. Henry

Informational Testimony:

02:44:25 Ms. Lamson

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

02:45:46 Sen. Barrett
02:46:38 Ms. Lamson
02:48:31 Sen. Schmidt
02:49:02 Chairman Bales
02:49:08 Sen. Ripley
02:50:03 Rep. Henry

Disability Services Division

02:50:46 Rep. Henry

Informational Testimony:

02:53:05 Ms. Dalton, DPHHS
02:56:29 Sen. Barrett
02:57:14 Ms. Dalton

Health Resources Division

02:58:21 Rep. Henry
03:01:09 Ms. Dalton

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

03:02:19 Sen Laible
03:03:07 Ms. Dalton
03:04:03 Sen. Laible
03:04:50 Ms. Dalton
03:05:47 Sen. Laible
03:06:06 Ms. Dalton
03:06:32 Sen. Laible
03:06:56 Chairman Bales
03:07:05 Sen. Laible
03:07:14 Sen. Barkus
03:08:01 Ms. Dalton
03:08:41 Sen. Barkus
03:09:05 Ms. Dalton
03:10:32 Sen. Barkus
03:11:06 Ms. Dalton
03:12:14 Sen. Barkus
03:12:40 Ms. Dalton
03:13:28 Sen. Brenden
03:14:22 Ms. Dalton
03:15:21 Director Whiting Sorrell
03:16:50 Sen. Williams
03:17:16 Ms. Dalton
03:18:20 Sen. Laible

03:19:06 Ms. Dalton
 03:19:10 Sen. Laible
 03:19:22 Ms. Dalton
 03:19:47 Sen. Laible
 03:20:46 Ms. Dalton
 03:21:47 Sen. Laible
 03:22:23 Ms. Dalton
 03:22:45 Sen. Laible
 03:22:51 Sen. Schmidt
 03:23:14 Ms. Dalton
 03:24:39 Sen. Schmidt
 03:25:01 Ms. Dalton
 03:25:49 Sen. Schmidt
 03:26:00 Ms. Dalton
 03:26:15 Jeff Sturm, DPHHS
 03:26:55 Sen. Schmidt
 03:27:09 Mr. Sturm
 03:27:37 Sen. Schmidt
 03:27:53 Mr. Sturm
 03:28:14 Ms. Dalton
 03:28:39 Sen. Schmidt
 03:28:40 Ms. Dalton
 03:28:50 Sen. Zinke
 03:29:10 Ms. Dalton
 03:29:33 Sen. Zinke
 03:30:14 Ms. Dalton
 03:30:43 Sen. Zinke
 03:31:05 Ms. Dalton
 03:32:40 Sen. Zinke
 03:32:44 Chairman Bales
 03:33:38 Sen. Williams
 03:34:06 Sen. Bales
 03:34:25 Sen. Wanzenried
 03:34:32 Chairman Bales
 03:35:06 Sen. Wanzenried
 03:35:25 Chairman Bales

Public Testimony:

03:35:35 Ann Carpenter, Montana Advocates for Children (MAC)
 03:37:45 Stephanie McDowell, Bridger Clinic, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(fcs67a03)

03:40:15 Judy Smith, Montana Women Vote
 03:43:26 Susan Dow, Developmental Disability Services
 03:46:09 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Centers
 03:49:12 J. C. Weingartner, MEA-MFT
 03:53:39 John Wilkinson, Executive Director, National
 Association of Social Workers Montana (NSAW)

03:55:50 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Healthcare Association (MHA)

EXHIBIT (fcs67a04)

04:00:27 Steve Nelsen, Montana Childrens Initiative

04:02:39 Mike Ruppert, CEO, Boyd Andrew Community Services, and President of Montana Addictive Services Providers (MAST)

04:04:22 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT (fcs67a05)

04:06:15 Stacy Anderson, Planned Parenthood of Montana

04:07:46 Chairman Bales

04:08:47 Sen. Schmidt

04:09:04 Recess 12:14 p.m.

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04:10:00 Reconvene 5:02 p.m.

Senior and Long Term Care Division

04:11:10 Rep. Henry

04:15:29 Ms. Dalton

04:16:37 Chairman Bales

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

04:16:46 Sen. Laible

04:17:08 Ms. Dalton

04:17:23 Kelly Williams, Senior and Long Term Care, DPHHS

04:18:11 Sen. Laible

04:18:15 Ms. Williams

04:18:45 Sen. Laible

04:18:54 Ms. Williams

04:19:12 Sen. Laible

04:19:20 Ms. Williams

04:19:46 Sen. Cooney

04:20:02 Rep. Henry

04:21:15 Sen. Cooney

04:21:26 Rep. Henry

04:21:48 Sen. Cooney

04:22:03 Rep. Henry

04:22:12 Sen. Schmidt

04:22:25 Rep. Henry

Addictive and Mental Disorders

04:22:49 Rep. Henry
04:25:56 Ms. Dalton
04:27:33 Chairman Bales

Questions from Committee and Responses:

04:27:39 Sen. Zinke
04:28:19 Ms. Dalton
04:29:19 Sen. Zinke
04:30:39 Ms. Williams
04:31:34 Sen. Zinke
04:31:43 Ms. Williams
04:32:15 Sen. Zinke
04:32:24 Ms. Williams
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04:40:09 Ms. Williams
04:40:31 Chairman Bales
04:40:39 Sen. Lewis
04:41:38 Ms. Williams
04:41:50 Chairman Bales

Public Comment:

04:42:26 Kathy McGowan, Montana Council of Community Mental
Health Centers and Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers
Association
04:50:12 Sherri Maharg, Assisted Living Facilities
04:52:22 Jamee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network

EXHIBIT (fcs67a06)

04:54:02 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana
05:00:00 Jan Cahill, Executive Director, Montana Association of
Community Disability Services
05:06:07 Chairman Bales
05:06:19 Lorrie Merrill, Director, Big Sandy Activities, Inc.

EXHIBIT (fcs67a07)

05:12:25 John Wilkinson, representing himself

EXHIBIT (fcs67a08)

05:14:06 Kristine Davis, Childrens Defense Fund
[EXHIBIT\(fcs67a09\)](#)

05:20:02 Linda Stoll, Area Agencies on Aging

05:24:40 Chairman Bales

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

05:24:43 Sen. Schmidt
05:24:58 Jane Smilie, DPHHS
05:25:17 Chairman Bales
05:25:29 Sen. Schmidt
05:26:26 Sen. Zinke
05:26:59 Chairman Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Recess: 6:22 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs67aad.pdf](#))