

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on April 1, 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. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
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. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (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 11, 3/26/2009; HB 5, 3/26/2009;
HB 10, 3/26/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:38 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 11,
Treasure state endowment appropriations.

Sen. Barrett and Sen. Williams now present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:49 Jim Edgcomb, Department of Commerce (COM)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs72a01\)](#)

00:20:18 Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

00:22:19 Steve Wade, North Central Regional Water Authority and
Dry Prairie Regional Water System

00:23:50 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:37 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs72a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:24 Sen. Schmidt

00:28:54 Ms. Duncan, LFD

00:30:26 Sen. Schmidt

00:30:50 Sen. Brenden

00:31:17 Ms. Stanley

00:32:07 Sen. Brenden

00:32:19 Sen. Hawks
00:32:54 Ms. Duncan
00:33:52 Sen. Hawks
00:34:15 Ms. Duncan
00:34:38 Sen. Barkus
00:35:28 Mr. Edgcomb
00:36:45 Sen. Barkus
00:36:55 Mr. Edgcomb
00:37:18 Chairman Bales
00:38:03 Ms. Duncan
00:39:49 Chairman Bales
00:39:58 Mr. Edgcomb
00:40:19 Chairman Bales
00:40:34 Mr. Edgcomb
00:41:21 Chairman Bales
00:41:26 Mr. Edgcomb
00:41:37 Sen. Schmidt
00:41:50 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:43:39 Sen. Hawks
00:44:11 Rep. Sesso
00:48:58 Sen. Schmidt
00:49:14 Rep. Sesso
00:51:20 Chairman Bales
00:51:57 Rep. Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:36 Rep. Sesso
00:56:56 Chairman Bales

HEARING ON HB 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:36 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations -- include energy conservation.

EXHIBIT (fcs72a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:22 Tom O'Connell, Architectural and Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)
01:07:01 Lou Moore, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
01:08:32 Joe Lamson, DNRC

01:09:34 Mick Robinson, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the
Commissioner of Higher Education
01:12:32 Chairman Bales

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:12:46 Ms. Duncan
01:18:19 Rep. Sesso
01:18:51 Ms. Duncan
01:19:29 Chairman Bales
01:19:42 Ms. Duncan
01:20:38 Chairman Bales

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:05 Rep. Ripley
01:21:33 Ms. Duncan
01:22:09 Rep. Ripley
01:22:29 Ms. Duncan
01:22:43 Rep. Ripley
01:22:52 Sue Daly, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
01:23:08 Sen. Ripley
01:23:13 Ms. Daly
01:23:48 Sen. Ripley
01:23:55 Ms. Daly
01:24:13 Sen. Ripley
01:24:24 Ms. Daly
01:24:40 Sen. Ripley
01:24:50 Ms. Daly
01:24:58 Sen. Ripley
01:25:05 Ms. Daly
01:25:40 Sen. Barkus
01:26:10 Ms. Daly
01:26:31 Sen. Barkus
01:26:49 Ms. Daly
01:27:10 Sen. Barkus
01:27:35 Mr. O'Connell, DOA
01:27:47 Sen. Barkus
01:27:55 Mr. O'Connell
01:28:43 Sen. Barkus
01:29:13 Mr. Robinson
01:29:30 Sen. Barkus
01:29:41 Mr. Robinson
01:30:32 Sen. Esp
01:30:58 Ms. Duncan
01:31:25 Sen. Esp

01:31:35 Ms. Duncan
01:31:58 Sen. Esp
01:32:01 Sen. Brenden
01:33:41 Ms. Daly
01:33:51 Sen. Hawks
01:34:35 Mr. O'Connell
01:35:54 Sen. Hawks
01:35:58 Chairman Bales
01:36:29 Ms. Daly
01:37:20 Chairman Bales
01:38:02 Ms. Daly
01:38:29 Ms. Duncan
01:39:45 Chairman Bales
01:40:04 Ms. Daly
01:40:37 Chairman Bales
01:40:46 Ms. Daly
01:41:20 Chairman Bales
01:41:24 Rep. Ripley
01:41:53 Rep. Sesso
01:44:28 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:44:37 Sen. Barrett
01:45:45 Rep. Sesso
01:51:09 Sen. Brenden
01:51:38 Ms. Daly
01:52:23 Sen. Hawks
01:53:53 Rep. Sesso
01:55:38 Sen. Hawks
01:55:58 Rep. Sesso
01:57:54 Sen. Hawks

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:36 Rep. Sesso
02:01:34 Chairman Bales
02:02:07 Recess
02:19:23 Reconvene

Sen. Esp, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Laible, Sen. Peterson and
Sen. Williams not present

HEARING ON HB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:20:06 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB
10, Long range information technology funding bill.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:35:44 Dick Clark, Chief Information Officer, State of Montana (CIO)

02:36:21 Mike Boyer, Department of Administration, Information Services Division (DOA)

Sen. Esp now present

02:39:43 Carl Hotvedt, DOA

02:42:23 Duane Preshinger, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

02:44:58 Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

02:48:46 Roy Mulvaney, DLI

02:53:52 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State

[EXHIBIT \(fcs72a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs72a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(fcs72a06\)](#)

02:56:55 Alan Peura, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

03:01:06 Ms. Duncan

[EXHIBIT \(fcs72a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:04:11 Sen. Hawks

03:04:48 Mr. Peura, DOR

[EXHIBIT \(fcs72a08\)](#)

03:06:06 Sen. Ripley

03:07:00 Rep. Wiseman

03:08:48 Ms. Duncan

03:08:57 Sen. Ripley

03:09:14 Ms. Duncan

03:10:30 Sen. Ripley

03:10:51 Ms. Duncan

03:11:33 Rep. Wiseman

03:12:14 Sen. Esp

03:12:38 Mr. Peura

03:12:46 Sen. Laible

03:13:12 Mr. Peura

03:13:44 Sen. Laible

03:13:58 Mr. Peura
03:14:15 Sen. Laible
03:15:19 Mr. Peura
03:16:15 Sen. Laible
03:16:30 Mr. Peura
03:16:53 Sen. Tropila
03:17:06 Chairman Bales
03:17:19 Sen. Tropila
03:17:51 Ms. McCulloch
03:18:55 Sen. Tropila
03:19:26 Mr. Kane, DLI
03:20:05 Sen. Lewis
03:20:49 Mr. Boyer

Closing by Sponsor:

03:21:45 Rep. Wiseman

03:24:47 Chairman Bales
03:24:55 Rep. Sesso
03:26:06 Chairman Bales

Public Testimony on HB 645:

03:26:52 James Steele, Jr., Chairman of Confederated Salish and
Kootenai Tribes

EXHIBIT (fcs72a09)

03:30:36 Sen. Juneau

03:30:42 Chairman Bales
03:31:56 Sen. Williams
03:32:20 Chairman Bales
03:33:59 Sen. Hawks
03:34:29 Chairman Bales
03:35:48 Sen. Hawks
03:36:05 Chairman Bales

EXHIBIT (fcs72a10)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:43 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs72aad.pdf](#))