

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on April 6, 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. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (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 152, 4/1/2009; 213, 4/1/2009;
644, 4/1/2009; 676, 4/1/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Bales
00:02:05 Vice-Chair Lewis

HEARING ON HB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:35 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 152, Quality schools facility grant program.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:03 Director Tony Preite, Department of Commerce (COM)
00:10:52 Jan Lombardi, Education Advisor to the Governor (GOV)
00:13:04 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA) and
for Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
00:14:18 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
00:15:43 Kristina Davis, Montana Childrens Defense Fund
00:17:47 Director David Ewer, Office of Budget and Program
Planning (OBPP)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:21 None

Informational Testimony:

00:21:35 Tom Schultz, Administrator, School Trust Lands
Division, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)
00:24:43 Joe Triem, Architectural and Engineering Division
00:25:17 Nancy Hall, OBPP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:49 Sen. Laible
00:26:21 Mr. Schultz, DNRC
00:27:42 Sen. Laible
00:27:52 Mr. Schultz

00:28:38 Sen. Laible
 00:28:54 Mr. Preite, COM
 00:29:40 Rep. Ripley
 00:29:58 Mr. Vogle, MSBA
 00:30:19 Rep. Ripley
 00:30:24 Mr. Vogle
 00:30:48 Rep. Ripley
 00:31:32 Mr. Vogle
 00:32:12 Vice-Chair Lewis
 00:32:19 Sen. Barrett
 00:33:13 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, COM
 00:35:11 Sen. Barrett
 00:35:27 Mr. Tuttle, COM
 00:36:41 Sen. Barrett
 00:37:04 Mr. Tuttle
 00:38:13 Sen. Barrett
 00:38:33 Mr. Tuttle
 00:39:32 Vice-Chair Lewis
 00:39:34 Sen. Hansen
 00:40:03 Mr. Tuttle
 00:42:03 Sen. Hawks
 00:42:49 Mr. Tuttle
 00:42:58 Sen. Hawks
 00:43:13 Mr. Tuttle
 00:45:14 Sen. Hawks
 00:45:33 Mr. Tuttle
 00:45:56 Vice-Chair Lewis
 00:46:35 Ms. Hall, OBPP
 00:46:57 Vice-Chair Lewis
 00:47:13 Mr. Schultz
 00:47:35 Vice-Chair Lewis
 00:47:51 Sen. Cooney
 00:48:49 Director Preite
 00:50:14 Sen. Cooney
 00:50:15 Vice-Chair Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:24 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 213

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:03 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 213, Establish SW Montana veteran's home.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:04 Jim Jacobsen, Montana American Legion
01:02:14 Larry Longfellow, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
01:02:44 Bob Pavlovich, Butte
01:04:22 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:04:33 Mike Foster, Saint James Healthcare, Butte
01:05:25 Vice-Chair Lewis

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:05:38 Kelly Williams, Senior and Long Term Care Division,
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

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[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:45 Sen. Hawks
01:08:19 Rep. Sesso
01:09:33 Sen. Hawks
01:09:46 Rep. Sesso
01:10:36 Ms. Williams, DPHHS
01:10:38 Sen. Hawks
01:11:24 Ms. Williams
01:12:42 Sen. Laible
01:13:11 Ms. Williams
01:13:34 Sen. Laible
01:13:55 Ms. Williams
01:14:26 Sen. Laible
01:14:45 Ms. Williams
01:15:30 Sen. Schmidt
01:16:08 Ms. Williams
01:16:47 Sen. Schmidt
01:16:59 Ms. Williams
01:17:47 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:17:58 Rep. Sesso
01:18:16 Sen. Barrett
01:18:43 Ms. Williams
01:19:39 Sen. Barrett
01:19:57 Ms. Williams
01:20:13 Sen. Barrett
01:20:23 Ms. Williams
01:20:47 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:20:52 Sen. Schmidt

01:21:09 Ms. Williams
01:22:14 Sen. Schmidt
01:22:21 Ms. Williams
01:22:40 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:22:45 Sen. Barrett
01:23:11 Rep. Sesso
01:24:41 Vice-Chair Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:50 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 644

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:37 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 644, Funding for national folk festival.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:37:56 George Everett, Festival Director

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01:41:25 Mr. Pavlovich
01:41:44 Steve Yeakel, representing himself
01:44:01 Alec Hansen, representing himself
01:45:32 Dave Schulz, Madison County Commissioner, Madison
County Development Council
01:46:04 Barbara Miller, Southwest Montana Economic Development
01:47:53 Vice-Chair Lewis

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:15 Sen. Barrett
01:48:43 Rep. Sesso
01:49:24 Sen. Zinke
01:50:04 Rep. Sesso
01:52:10 Sen. Zinke
01:52:39 Rep. Sesso

01:54:33 Sen. Schmidt

01:55:02 Rep. Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:57 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 676

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:56:59 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 676, Statutory implementation of general appropriations act.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:03:53 Jamee Greer ,Montana Human Rights Network

02:05:00 Kristina Davis, Montana Childrens Defense Fund

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:49 Rep. Sesso

02:06:08 Vice-Chair Lewis

02:06:16 Chairman Bales

02:10:36 Sen. Hawks

02:10:51 Chairman Bales

02:11:30 Sen. Hawks

02:11:47 Chairman Bales

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02:15:30 Sen. Schmidt

02:15:45 Chairman Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:21 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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