

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on April 15, 2009 at 8:00
A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
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 52, 4/9/2009; HB 130, 4/9/2009;
HB 131, 4/9/2009; HB 132, 4/9/2009

Executive Action:

00:00:48 Vice-Chair Lewis

HEARING ON HB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:24 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 52, Fund hydrogeologic study.

EXHIBIT (fcs80a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:13 Krista Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural
Irrigators and Senior Water Rights Coalition
00:07:22 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
00:07:53 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
00:08:18 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers Association
00:08:47 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Development Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:24 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:51 Sen. Ripley
00:10:12 Rep. McNutt
00:10:58 Sen. Hansen
00:11:11 Sen. McNutt
00:11:43 Sen. Tropila
00:12:14 Sen. McNutt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:04 Sen. McNutt

HEARING ON HB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:38 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 130, Grant program for local crisis services and jail diversion for mentally ill.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:27 Rep. Teresa Henry
EXHIBIT(fcs80a02)

00:24:52 Kathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association and Montana Council of Community Health Centers
EXHIBIT(fcs80a03)

00:35:26 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana
00:38:23 Travis Hoffman, Montana Mental Health Centers
00:40:03 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:41:47 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners
00:43:01 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Catholic Hospitals of Montana
00:45:26 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance for Mental Illness of Montana (NAMI)
00:47:43 Ray Peck, Montana Association of Churches, Mental Health Foundation Board and volunteer psychologist at Fort Harrison

Opponents' Testimony:

00:50:37 Director David Ewer, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony:

00:58:27 Larry Fasbender, Deputy Director, Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:12 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:03:55 Director Ewer
01:04:05 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:04:42 Director Ewer
01:05:52 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:06:09 Director Ewer
01:07:30 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:07:54 Director Ewer

01:08:08 Sen. Ripley
01:08:35 Mr. Morris
01:09:10 Sen. Ripley
01:09:16 Mr. Morris
01:09:36 Sen. Ripley
01:09:43 Mr. Morris
01:10:24 Sen. Laible
01:11:27 Rep. Stoker
01:14:13 Sen. Laible
01:14:49 Rep. Stoker
01:15:20 Sen. Hansen
01:15:51 Rep. Stoker
01:18:25 Sen. Hansen
01:18:38 Rep. Stoker
01:19:34 Sen. Esp
01:19:49 Rep. Stoker
01:20:38 Sen. Esp
01:21:10 Rep. Stoker
01:22:10 Sen. Esp
01:22:34 Rep. Stoker
01:23:37 Sen. Esp
01:24:54 Director Ewer
01:27:58 Sen. Esp
01:28:22 Director Ewer
01:29:01 Sen. Esp
01:29:25 Director Ewer
01:30:51 Sen. Esp
01:31:15 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:31:34 Sen. Schmidt
01:32:20 Mr. Morris
01:33:04 Sen. Schmidt
01:33:24 Ms. Roessmann
01:34:35 Sen. Schmidt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:20 Rep. Stoker

HEARING ON HB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:24 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 131, State contracting for mental health emergency detention beds.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs80a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs80a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:59 Ms. Roessmann
01:47:18 Mr. Kuntz, NAMI
01:47:29 Mr. Hoffman
01:47:37 Ms. Grmaljez
01:47:52 Mr. Foster
01:47:58 Ms. McGowan
01:48:06 Mr. Morris

Opponents' Testimony:

01:48:29 Director Ewer

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:48 Rep. Stoker
01:50:02 Chairman Bales
01:50:26 Recess 9:56
00:00:00 Reconvene 3:47

HEARING ON HB 132

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:15 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 132, Diversion from involuntary commitment to short-term inpatient treatment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:33 Ms. Roessmann
00:14:57 Ms. McGowan
00:19:31 Ms. Grmoljez
00:21:21 Mr. Foster
00:21:59 Bill Warden, Montana Hospital Association, St. Peters Hospital and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:41 Sen. Esp
00:23:01 Mr. Foster
00:23:15 Sen. Esp
00:23:37 Ms. Grmoljez
00:23:47 Sen. Esp
00:23:58 Ms. Grmoljez
00:24:21 Sen. Esp
00:25:05 Ms. McGowan
00:26:01 Sen. Esp
00:26:28 Ms. McGowan
00:27:02 Sen. Esp
00:27:19 Ms. Roessmann
00:28:26 Sen. Esp
00:28:38 Ms. Roessmann
00:29:08 Sen. Esp
00:29:31 Ms. Roessmann
00:30:19 Sen. Esp
00:30:33 Ms. Roessmann
00:31:21 Sen. Esp
00:31:40 Ms. Roessmann
00:32:10 Sen. Esp
00:32:16 Sen. Barrett
00:32:36 Ms. Roessmann
00:33:46 Sen. Hansen
00:34:35 Rep. Stoker
00:38:03 Sen. Hansen
00:38:27 Rep. Stoker
00:41:31 Sen. Schmidt
00:42:37 Ms. Roessmann
00:42:52 Sen. Schmidt
00:42:58 Ms. Roessmann
00:44:36 Sen. Esp
00:46:20 Rep. Stoker
00:51:53 Vice-Chair Lewis
00:51:57 Sen. Schmidt
00:52:24 Rep. Stoker
00:52:37 Sen. Schmidt
00:53:03 Ms. Roessmann
00:53:27 Sen. Schmidt

00:53:31 Ms. Roessmann
00:53:42 Vice-Chair Lewis
00:53:44 Sen. Tropila
00:54:24 Ms. Roessmann
00:56:47 Sen. Schmidt
00:57:10 Ms. Roessmann
00:57:50 Sen. Schmidt
00:58:04 Ms. Roessmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:41 Rep. Stoker

01:04:08 Vice-Chair Lewis
01:04:13 Chairman Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fcs80aad.pdf](#))