

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chairman Keith Bales, on April 23, 2009 at 9:00
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. Steven Gallus (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. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 43, 4/22/2009

Executive Action:

00:00:01 Vice-Chair Lewis

HEARING ON HJ 43

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:23 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HJ 43, Study transparency in government spending and revenue requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:23 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:08:49 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspapers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:33 Clayton Schenk, Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:58 Sen. Hawks

00:11:21 Rep. Wiseman

00:16:00 Sen. Williams

00:16:45 Mr. Schenck, LFA

00:19:02 Sen. Laible

00:20:02 Rep. Wiseman

00:24:27 Sen. Barrett

00:25:08 Mr. Schenck

00:26:14 Sen. Barrett

00:26:39 Mr. Schenck

00:27:14 Sen. Barrett

00:27:36 Mr. Schenck

00:29:18 SEn. Barrett

00:29:19 Vice-Chair Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:30 Rep. Wiseman

00:30:17 Chairman Bales

Sen. Barkus, Sen. Brueggeman, Sen. Esp and Sen. Hansen
and Sen. Peterson not present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 43

00:30:31 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **HJ 43 BE CONCURRED
IN.**

00:30:49 Sen. Gallus

00:31:03 Chairman Bales

00:31:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote, present and
voting.

Sen. Esp present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 213

00:31:53 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **HB 213 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:32:14 Sen. Gallus

00:33:38 Sen. Barrett

00:34:51 Sen. Zinke

00:35:47 Sen. Gallus

00:35:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Sen. Barkus,
Sen. Brueggeman, Sen. Hansen and Sen. Peterson voted by
proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 158

00:37:15 **Motion:** Sen. Lewis moved that **HB 158 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:37:32 Sen. Brenden

00:38:50 Sen. Williams

00:39:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by voice vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brenden and Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Barkus, Sen. Brueggeman, Sen. Hansen and Sen. Peterson voted by proxy.

Sen. Zinke not present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 644

00:40:26 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 644 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:40:44 Sen. Gallus
00:42:13 Sen. Williams
00:43:05 Sen. Lewis
00:43:28 Sen. Brenden
00:44:46 Sen. Laible
00:46:16 Sen. Hawks
00:47:00 Sen. Gallus
00:48:05 Sen. Barrett
00:48:24 Sen. Gallus
00:48:32 Chairman Bales
00:48:33 Sen. Williams
00:48:40 Sen. Barrett
00:49:28 Sen. Williams
00:50:45 Sen. Laible
00:52:38 Sen. Cooney
00:53:39 Sen. Ripley
00:54:02 Sen. Esp

00:54:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barkus, Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Peterson, and Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Barkus, Sen. Brueggeman, Sen. Hansen, Sen. Peterson and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

00:55:35 Sen. Gallus
00:55:50 Chairman Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:04 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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