

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Gary MacLaren, on March 10, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Michael (Mike) More, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary MacLaren, Chair (R), Rep. Steve Lavin (R), Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), Rep. Kris Hansen (R) and Rep. Sue Malek (D)

Members Absent: Rep. James Knox (R) ,Rep. Derek Skees, (R) and Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Staff Present: Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

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: SB 222, 3/8/2011; SB 248, 3/8/2011
Executive Action: SB 128 , SB 146 and SB 108

HEARING ON SB 222**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:37 Sen. Shannon Augare (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 222, Revise qualifications for firefighters.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:31 Joseph Sands, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters
00:02:33 Rep. Knox joined meeting
00:04:14 Alec Hansen League of Cities and Towns
00:05:55 Becky Sturdevant

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:53 Rep. O'Neil
00:08:19 Sen. Augare
00:08:48 Rep. O'Neil
00:09:11 Sen. Augare
00:09:17 Joseph Sands
00:09:57 Rep. O'Neil
00:10:09 Joseph Sands
00:10:29 Rep. O'Neil
00:10:41 Joseph Sands
00:11:00 Alec Hanson
00:12:07 Rep. O'Neil
00:13:46 Alec Hanson
00:14:23 Rep. Barrett
00:14:40 Joseph Sands
00:15:24 Rep. Barrett
00:15:44 Joseph Sands
00:16:08 Matt Norby, Montana State Firemen's Association
00:17:20 Rep. Barrett
00:18:11 Sen. Augare
00:18:20 Rep. Knox
00:18:43 Alec Hansen
00:19:33 Rep. Knox
00:19:45 Alec Hansen
00:19:55 Rep. Knox
00:19:56 Rep Hansen joined meeting
00:20:09 Rep. Reinhart
00:20:37 Sen. Augare
00:20:54 Rep. McNally
00:21:16 Sen Augare
00:21:30 Rep. O'Neil
00:21:53 Sen Augare
00:22:14 Rep. Moore
00:22:39 Joseph Sands

00:23:21 Rep. Moore
00:23:34 Joseph sands

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:43 Sen. Augare

HEARING ON SB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:16 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 248, Allow additional members for county tax appeal board.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:51 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:31:18 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPA's
00:31:45 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:06 Doug Kaercher, Member State Tax Appeal Board

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:50 Sen Gillan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108

00:38:04 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 108 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:38:19 Rep. Reinhart
00:38:32 Helen Thigpen
00:38:39 Rep. O'Neil
00:38:57 Rep. Reinhart
00:39:03 Helen Thigpen
00:39:37 Rep. Reinhart
00:40:09 Rep. Barrett
00:41:01 Rep. Knox
00:41:22 Rep Vance withdrew his motion.
00:41:55 Rep. Bangerter
00:42:26 Rep. Moore

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 128

00:43:00 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SB 128 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:43:09 Rep. Ingraham

00:43:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Malek, Rep. Skees, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 146

00:44:29 **Motion:** Rep. Knox moved that **SB 146 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:44:48 **Motion:** Rep. Rosendale moved that **SB 146 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

00:45:06 Rep. Rosendale

00:45:30 Helen Thigpen

00:45:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Malek, Rep. Skees, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy.

00:46:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Rosendale moved that **SB 146 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lavin, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Malek, Rep. Skees, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy. Rep. Greef will carry the bill.

00:47:27 Harold Blattie

00:52:50 Rep. Reinhart

00:54:19 Harold Blattie

00:54:53 Helen Thigpen

00:57:08 Rep. Moore

00:57:17 Rep. Hansen

00:58:04 Rep. Reinhart

00:58:34 Rep. Moore

00:58:52 Helen Thigpen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:59:16

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([loh54aad.pdf](#))