

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 17, 2011 at 3:01 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Sen. Art Wittich, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Kirk Lundby, 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 91, 1/6/2011; SB 108, 1/6/2011; SB 117, SB128

HEARING ON SB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:55 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 128, Exempt fire department emergency wells from permitting.

EXHIBIT(los12a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

EXHIBIT(los12a02)

Written petitions presented to the Local Government Committee prior to start of meeting

00:05:19 Rep. Ron Ehli, HD 88

00:06:48 Brad Mohn, Fire Chief, Hamilton Fire Department

00:07:44 Tim Davis, water resources administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:08:25 Ronda Wiggers, representing the Montana Water Well Drillers Association (WWDA)

00:09:32 John Semple, representing the Montana Fire Alliance (MFA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:03 Richard Grady

EXHIBIT(los12a03)

00:12:30 Holly Franz, representing the Montana Water Resources Association

00:13:51 Mark Aagenes, Conservation Director, Montana Trout Unlimited

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:37 Sen. Lake

HEARING ON SB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:32 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 108, Revise policy for management of large predators.

[EXHIBIT\(los12a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:06 Fred Hodgeboom, President, Montanans for Multiple Use (MMU)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a07\)](#)

00:21:51 Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner, representing Park, Carbon, and Stillwater County Commissioners and the Beartooth Stock Association

[EXHIBIT\(los12a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a10\)](#)

00:22:53 Dave Skinner

00:23:54 Suzy Foss

00:25:18 Art Hassan

00:25:42 Harvey Ravndall

00:26:09 Jay Bodner, representing the Montana Stock Growers Association (SGA)

00:27:06 Nicole Rolf, representing the Montana Farm Bureau Federation (FBF)

00:28:25 Janet Ellis, representing Montana Audubon

00:28:51 Stacy Bragg, representing Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

00:30:02 Tim Ravndall, representing the Lewis and Clark County Tea Party

00:30:37 Steven McNeal

[EXHIBIT\(los12a11\)](#)

00:31:37 Clerice Ryan, (MMU)

00:33:17 Rich Royal

00:33:40 Keary White, executive board, (CBU)

00:37:21 Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a12\)](#)

00:38:54 Judy Kline

00:42:41 Ron Olfert

00:44:16 Dan Happel

[EXHIBIT\(los12a13\)](#)

Written petitions presented to the Local Government Committee prior to start of meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:43 Sen. Augare
00:46:36 Sen. Barrett
00:46:58 Sen. Augare
00:47:35 Sen. Barrett
00:47:42 Sen. Olson
00:48:21 Sen. Barrett
00:48:47 Sen. Tutvedt
00:49:31 Sen. Barrett
00:50:32 Sen. Tutvedt
00:51:12 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:21 Sen. Barrett

HEARING ON SB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:40 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 91, Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:42 Earl Blakley, Vice Chair, Lockwood Steering Committee (LSC)
[EXHIBIT\(los12a14\)](#)
01:01:31 Dan Belk
[EXHIBIT\(los12a15\)](#)
01:02:45 Carlotta Hecker, (LSC)
[EXHIBIT\(los12a16\)](#)
01:04:36 Bob Riehl, (LSC)
[EXHIBIT\(los12a17\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(los12a18\)](#)
01:07:26 Nancy Belk, Vice President, Lockwood Water and Sewer Board
[EXHIBIT\(los12a19\)](#)
01:09:44 Rep. Jonathan McNiven, HD 44

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:13 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:58 Sen. Buttrey
 01:15:28 Sen. Brown
 01:16:21 Sen Tutvedt
 01:16:36 Sen. Brown
 01:17:45 Bob Riehl
 01:19:16 Sen. Tutvedt
 01:19:24 Bob Riehl
 01:19:59 Sen. Tutvedt
 01:20:31 Dave Galt, (MPA)
 01:21:17 Sen. Tutvedt
 01:21:30 Dave Galt
 01:22:24 Sen. Tutvedt
 01:22:32 Sen. Vuckovich
 01:23:12 Sen. Brown
 01:24:31 Sen. Moss
 01:25:14 Sen. Brown
 01:25:54 Carlotta Hecker
 01:29:14 Sen. Olson
 01:29:42 Dave Riehl
 01:30:20 Sen. Olson
 01:30:30 Dave Riehl
 01:30:48 Sen. Olson
 01:31:11 Dave Riehl
 01:31:35 Chairman Sonju
 01:31:42 Leanne Kurtz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:01 Sen. Brown
 01:36:31_____Chairman Sonju
 01:37:58 Recess
 01:51:24 Reconvened_____

HEARING ON SB 117

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:52:50 Sen. Greg Hinkle (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 117, Coordination between local government, schools, districts and federal government.

[EXHIBIT\(los12a20\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:03:00 Fred Hodgeboom, President, Montanans for Multiple Use (MMU)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a21\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a22\)](#)

02:07:56 Ron Olfert

[EXHIBIT\(los12a23\)](#)

02:12:35 Dave Skinner

[EXHIBIT\(los12a24\)](#)

02:13:58 Jerry White, (CBU)

02:17:25 Suzy Foss

02:20:03 Niki Sardot

02:20:45 Dick Wells

[EXHIBIT\(los12a25\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT\(los12a31\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a32\)](#)

02:23:42 Bill Petrovish

02:25:56 Kathy Hassan

[EXHIBIT\(los12a33\)](#)

02:28:48 Art Hassan

02:29:37 Rachel Roberts, representing Concerned Citizens of Montana (CCM)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a34\)](#)

02:30:32 Clarice Ryan, (MMU)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a35\)](#)

02:32:48 Stacy Bragg

02:34:06 Gloria Roark

[EXHIBIT\(los12a36\)](#)

02:35:01 Pauline Dean

02:36:14 Steven McNeil

02:37:08 Robert Pierson

[EXHIBIT\(los12a37\)](#)

02:38:21 Judy Woolley

[EXHIBIT\(los12a38\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los12a39\)](#)

02:41:24 Gerald Cuvillier

[EXHIBIT\(los12a40\)](#)

02:42:32 Rick Breckenridge

02:43:20 Dan Happel

[EXHIBIT\(los12a41\)](#) (See also exhibit 35)

02:44:50 Marty Malone

02:44:58 Tim Ravndal, representing the Montana Tea Party Group

02:45:43 Jeannie Poe

02:46:04 Susanna Pyron

02:46:17 Patrick Legard

02:47:14 Charles Woolley

[EXHIBIT\(los12a42\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

2:48:53 Brent Brooks, representing the City of Billings and the Montana League of Cities and Towns (LCT)
02:52:23 Mal Kenzerd
02:54:26 Mark Murphy, representing the Montana County Attorneys Association (CAA)
02:58:15 Kelsen Young, representing the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (CADSV)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:59:53 Vice Chair Wittich
03:01:40 Brent Brooks, City of Billings and the Montana League of Cities and Towns
03:02:52 Vice Chair Wittich
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03:20:10 Sen. Hinkle
03:20:53 Sen. Vuckovich
03:21:14 Sen. Hinkle

Closing by Sponsor:

03:23:34 Sen. Hinkle
03:24:42 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

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03:25:26

Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los12aad.pdf](#))