

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on March 8, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

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 81, 3/4/2011; HB 252, 3/4/2011; SB 299, 3/4/2011; SB 363,
3/4/2011
Executive Action: HB 93; SB 81

HEARING ON HB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Rep. Don Roberts (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 81, Create a securities restitution fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:39 Katherine Brown, representing herself

00:06:15 Marge Crennen, Volunteer, AARP

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00:08:05 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor's Office

[EXHIBIT\(fcs52a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs52a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs52a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:09 Sen. Buttrey

00:14:45 Mr. Laslovich

00:15:39 Sen. Zinke

00:16:31 Mr. Laslovich

00:19:15 Sen. Zinke

00:19:31 Mr. Laslovich

00:19:59 Sen. Ripley

00:20:22 Mr. Laslovich

00:22:02 Sen. Ripley

00:22:13 Mr. Laslovich

00:22:21 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:38 Rep. Roberts

HEARING ON HB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:40 _____ Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 252, Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:53 Lyn Hellegaard, Montana Transit Association
00:29:21 Ed Robinson, Transit Manager, City of Helena and President, Montana Transit Association
00:30:21 Jim Helgrson, General Manager, Great Falls Transit District
00:32:25 Shyla Petara, North Central Independent Living Center
00:36:15 George Northcutt, representing himself
00:36:57 Mark Sanders, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:37:50 Director Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:58 Sen. Priest
00:42:14 Director Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:27 Rep. Hoven

HEARING ON SB 299

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:03 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 299, Clarify taxation and ownership river channel changed by evulsion.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:09 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators and for John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Informational Testimony:

00:46:23 Cynthia Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:53 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association and for Jay Bodner,
Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:49:36 Professor Chuck Willey

00:50:51 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

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00:53:24 Chairman Lewis

00:53:30 Sen. Hamlett

00:55:23 Chairman Lewis

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:33 Sen. Keane

00:56:14 Mr. Schultz, DNRC

00:56:52 Sen. Keane

00:57:14 Chairman Lewis

00:58:03 Sen. Hawks

00:58:52 Prof. Willey

00:59:57 Sen. Ripley

01:00:19 Chairman Lewis

01:00:43 Sen. Ripley

01:00:56 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

01:01:18 Sen. Ripley

01:01:26 Ms. Purdy (LFD)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:46 Sen. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 363

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:22 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 363, Provide
surcharge on FWP land transactions for funding invasive species.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:06:18 Dave Risley, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
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01:10:46 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

01:12:39 Brianna Randall, Clarkfork Coalition

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:53 Sen. Olson
01:14:27 Mr. Risley, FWP
01:15:24 Sen. Olson
01:15:35 Mr. Risley
01:15:57 Sen. Ripley
01:16:45 Mr. Risley
01:18:25 Sen. Zinke
01:18:58 Mr. Risley
01:19:23 Sen. Zinke
01:19:40 Mr. Risley
01:20:04 Sen. Olson
01:20:24 Mr. Risley
01:20:34 Sen. Keane
01:20:45 Mr. Risley
01:21:39 Sen. Keane
01:21:45 Mr. Risley
01:21:59 Sen. Hamlett
01:22:30 Sen. Brenden
01:22:46 Sen. Hamlett
01:23:15 Sen. Brenden
01:24:10 Sen. Ripley
01:24:43 Sen. Brenden
01:24:52 Sen. Ripley
01:25:08 Sen. Brenden
01:25:17 Sen. Hawks
01:26:16 Sen. Brenden
01:28:59 Sen. Hawks
01:30:19 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:37 Sen. Brenden

Sen. Gallus, Sen. Keane and Sen. Jones not present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 93

01:33:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved that **HB 93 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Zinke will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81

01:33:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 81 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

Other Committee Business:

01:34:44 Sen. Zinke

01:34:52 Chairman Lewis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:36

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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