

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on March 10, 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. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (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)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 347, 3/3/2011; SB 359, 3/3/2011; SB 329, 3/3/2011

Executive Action: SB 347

HEARING ON SB 347

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 347, Revise the private property assessment act.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:27 Kelly Casillas, Department of Commerce (DOC)

00:04:01 Candace West, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:29 Sen. Wanzonried

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:01 Sen. Lake

HEARING ON SB 359

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:29 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 359, Provide jobs for Montana veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:18 Ray Kuntz, CEO, Watkins and Shepard Trucking

[EXHIBIT\(fcs54a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs54a02\)](#)

00:14:28 Sheila Hogan, Executive Director, Career Training Institute (CTI)

00:15:48 Carmella Campanian, The Sage Corporation and for Duane Mitchell, Mitchell Oil

[EXHIBIT\(fcs54a03\)](#)

00:19:54 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fcs54a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs54a05\)](#)

00:21:21 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:22:06 Russ Ritter, representing himself

00:26:53 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 00:27:42 Rick Nicholson, Montana Veterans Foundation
 00:28:53 Willy Duffield, Duffield Express

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:30:13 Todd Younkin, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:46 Sen. Hawks
 00:31:18 Mr. Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
 00:31:55 Mr. Kuntz, Watkins and Shepard Trucking
 00:33:02 Sen. Zinke
 00:34:07 Sen. Caferro
 00:35:14 Sen. Zinke
 00:35:42 Mr. Kuntz
 00:36:44 Sen. Zinke
 00:37:03 Ms. Campanian, The Sage Corporation
 00:37:58 Sen. Jones
 00:38:18 Ms. Campanian
 00:39:11 Sen. Brown
 00:39:30 Mr. Kuntz
 00:42:07 Sen. Brown
 00:42:35 Mr. Kuntz
 00:44:29 Sen. Brown
 00:44:38 Mr. Younkin, DLI
 00:47:54 Sen. Brown
 00:48:42 Mr. Younkin
 00:49:23 Sen. Brenden
 00:50:12 Mr. Stang
 00:51:02 Sen. Brenden
 00:51:10 Mr. Kuntz
 00:52:16 Sen. Ripley
 00:52:38 Mr. Younkin
 00:54:47 Sen. Ripley
 00:55:06 Mr. Younkin
 00:55:28 Sen. Caferro
 00:55:41 Ms. Hogan, CTI
 00:56:55 Sen. Barrett
 00:57:22 Sen. Caferro
 00:58:20 Sen. Hamlett
 00:58:47 Ms. Campanian
 00:59:25 Sen. Hawks
 01:00:02 Ms. Hogan
 01:00:26 Ms. Campanian

01:00:57 Sen. Brown
01:01:33 Ms. Campanian
01:06:45 Sen. Brown
01:07:37 Ms. Campanian
01:08:32 Sen. Barrett
01:08:52 Sen. Caferro
01:09:18 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:57 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 329

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:14 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 329, Generally revise K-12 laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:12 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs54a06\)](#)
01:23:58 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
01:28:14 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
01:29:00 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Quality Education Coalition
01:30:10 Jan Cahill, Montana School Boards Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:31:42 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs54a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:52 Sen. Sonju
01:45:42 Ms. Anderson, OPI
01:46:56 Sen. Sonju
01:47:08 Mr. Melton, MSBA
01:48:49 Sen. Hawks
01:50:22 Ms. Anderson
01:50:43 Sen. Hawks
01:50:55 Mr. Melton
01:51:58 Sen. Hawks
01:52:26 Sen. Melton

01:52:59 Sen. Barrett
01:53:17 Ms. Anderson
01:53:44 Sen. Barrett
01:53:51 Sen. Keane
01:54:34 Mr. Melton
01:58:17 Sen. Keane
01:58:31 Mr. Melton
01:59:15 Sen. Keane
01:59:25 Sen. Barrett
02:00:14 Sen. Zinke
02:01:37 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:50 Sen. Zinke

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 347

02:04:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzienried moved that **SB 347 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs54aad.pdf](#))