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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on March 21, 2011 at 3:30 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Art Wittich, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

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: HB 391, 3/15/2011; HB 522, 3/15/2011

HEARING ON HB 391

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:40 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 391, Prohibit local initiative from establishing priority of enforcement of state law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:15 Fred Van Valkenburg, Attorney, Missoula County

[EXHIBIT\(los63a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los63a02\)](#)

00:01:39 Sen. Olson left the committee room

00:01:58 Sen. Gallus entered the committee room

00:06:25 Jim Smith, Montana Peace Officers Association (MPOA)

00:07:47 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA), Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

00:08:20 Sen. Buttrey left the committee room

00:08:38 Ali Bovingdon, representing the Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:49 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON HB 522

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:51 Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 522, Extend approval of subdivision application to mutually agreed upon time.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:55 Dustin Stewart, representing Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

[EXHIBIT\(los63a03\)](#)

00:14:26 Joe Roberts, representing Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS)

00:15:37 Mike Hughes

00:17:17 Glenn Oppel, representing Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
00:17:32 Jack Walsh, representing Helena Building Industry Association (HBIA)
00:18:13 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:19:56 Vice Chair Wittich entered the committee room

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:38 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:22 Sen. Moss
00:22:46 Rep. Kary
00:23:34 Chairman Sonju
00:23:38 Derf Johnson, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:59 Rep. Kary

Discussion:

00:24:36 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

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00:25:11

Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los63aad.pdf](#))