

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jon Sonju, on April 13, 2011 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chair (R)  
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Art Wittich, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, 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:**

Executive Action: HB 20 ~ Tabled  
HB 629 ~ Tabled  
HB 211 ~ Be Concurred In

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 629**

00:01:00 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 629 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:01:09 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt made a substitute motion that **HB 629 BE TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

00:01:28 Chairman Sonju

00:01:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 20**

(Sen. Wittich now present)

00:02:02 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 20 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:02:11 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tutvedt made a substitute motion that **HB 20 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Augare, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Moss and Sen. Vuckovich voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 211**

00:03:34 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 211 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:03:49 Sen. Wittich

00:04:33 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gallus made a substitute motion that **HB 211 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Gallus, Sen. Sonju, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Wittich voting aye.

**Discussion:**

00:05:25 Sen. Olson

00:05:45 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:06:06 Chairman Sonju

00:06:17 Sen. Olson

00:06:23 Sen. Wittich

00:07:57 Sen. Tutvedt

00:08:28 Alec Hansen, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT), without objection

00:11:02 Sen. Wittich

00:12:07 Sen. Olson

00:12:23 Sen. Wittich

00:12:52 Sen. Olson

00:13:53 Sen. Buttrey

00:14:36 Sen. Wittich

00:15:44 Sen. Vuckovich

00:15:59 Sen. Wittich

00:16:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Sonju and Sen. Wittich voting no. Sen. Hinkle will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:50 a.m.

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Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los82aad.pdf](#))**