

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Art Wittich, on April 20, 2011 at 3:30 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Art Wittich, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chair (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 38, 4/20/2011

Executive Action: HJ 38 ~ Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON HJ 38**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:24 Rep. Kris Hansen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HJ 38, Interim study of local fire protection, firefighters, and EMTs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:51 Rep. Randy Brodehl, HD 7

00:04:09 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:04:41 Chairman Sonju, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Gallus arrived

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:05:04 Kurt Bushnell, Montana State Firemans Association, (MSFA) Bozeman

00:06:10 Joseph Sands, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters (MSCOPFF)

00:07:47 Matt Norby, representing MSFA, Bozeman

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:39 Chairman Sonju

00:08:52 Rep. Hansen

00:09:38 Sen. Moss

00:10:23 Harold Blattie, MACo

00:11:36 Sen. Moss

00:11:50 Harold Blattie

00:12:49 Sen. Moss

00:13:25 Joseph Sands, MSCOPFF

00:14:27 Vice Chair Wittich

00:15:40 Joseph Sands

00:17:25 Vice Chair Wittich

00:17:52 Joseph Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:27 Rep. Kris Hansen

00:20:09 Senator Sonju assumed the duties of Committee Chairman

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 38**

00:20:22 **Motion:** Sen. Wittich moved that **HJ 38 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:20:32 Sen. Olson  
00:21:41 Sen. Tutvedt  
00:22:50 Sen. Augare  
00:24:19 Sen. Olson  
00:25:38 Sen. Moss  
00:26:16 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:26:36 Sen. Augare  
00:27:08 Sen. Gallus  
00:28:04 Sen. Olson  
00:28:45 Sen. Gallus  
00:29:05 Chairman Sonju  
00:29:43 Sen. Gallus  
00:29:51 Chairman Sonju  
00:30:02 Sen. Gallus  
00:30:34 Joseph Sands, without objection from the committee  
  
00:30:55 Sen. Tutvedt left the hearing  
  
00:31:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Augare, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Moss and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Vuckovich voted by proxy. Sen. Tutvedt will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:05 p.m.

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Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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