

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Liz Bangerter, on January 15, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Liz Bangerter, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Clarena Brockie (D)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Roger A. Hagan (R)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Sally Speer, 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 77, 1/9/2013; HB 148, 1/9/2013; HB 164, 1/11/2013  
Executive Action.: HB 47

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 47**

00:43:01 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 47 DO PASS**.

00:45:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McNally moved that **HB 47 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hagan voted by proxy.

00:47:14 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 47 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

00:47:22 Rep, Hagan entered the meeting.

00:47:36 Rep. Ingraham

00:48:08 Chair Bangerter

00:48:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

00:48:29 Chair Bangerter

00:49:01 Rep. Berry

00:49:33 **Motion/Vote:** Chair Bangerter moved that **HB 47 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR**. Motion failed 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Berry voting no.

**HEARING ON HB 164****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:04 Rep. Amanda Curtis (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 164, Revise when county commissioner district boundaries can be modified.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:51:40 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:54:47 Rep. O'Neil

00:55:08 Mr. Blattie, MACo

00:55:22 Rep. O'Neil

00:55:31 Mr. Blattie, MACo

00:55:38 Rep. Schwaderer

00:55:52 Mr. Blattie, MACo

00:57:01 Rep. Schwaderer

00:57:23 Mr. Blattie, MACo

00:57:33 Rep. Zolnokov

00:57:41 Mr. Blattie, MACo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:57 Rep. Curtis

**HEARING ON HB 77**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:19 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 77, Revise public assistance laws relating to counties.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:00:53 Jamie Palagi, Human and Community Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**EXHIBIT(Ioh07a01)**

01:03:22 Mr. Blattie, MACo

01:06:09 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:06:56 None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:07:04 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:07:15 Rep. Brockie

01:07:50 Rep. Ingraham

01:08:03 Rep. Brockie

01:08:20 Rep. Ingraham

01:08:30 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:01 Rep. Ingraham

01:10:47 Chair Bangerter

01:11:28 Meeting recessed

01:24:53 Meeting reconvened

01:24:55 Chair Bangerter

01:25:01 Lenore Adams, Facilities Coordinator, Montana Legislative Services (LEG)

01:35:21 Rep. Schwaderer

01:35:34 Chair Bangerter

01:35:45 Rep. Lavin

01:35:55 Chair Bangerter

**HEARING ON HB 148**

01:36:21 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 148, Clarifying local gov't authority to regulate amateur radio operators.

**EXHIBIT(Ioh07a02)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:51:37 Lynn Baker, Attorney

**EXHIBIT(loh07a03)**

01:56:56 Power failure.

01:58:25 Meeting reconvened.

01:58:27 Chair Bangerter

01:58:35 Rep. Ingraham entered the meeting.

01:58:52 Mr. Baker, Attorney

02:01:04 Rep. Schwaderer entered the meeting.

02:02:54 Chair Bangerter

02:03:05 George Forsyth, Self

02:09:09 Chair Bangerter

02:09:15 Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County Commissioner, MACo

02:10:47 Chair Bangerter

02:10:55 Robert Solomon, Self

**EXHIBIT(loh07a04)**

02:12:54 William Erhardt, Self

02:14:11 Dave Wood, Self

02:17:11 Tom Richmond, Self

02:20:17 Jim Higgins, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:23:34 Rep. Ingraham

02:23:44 Mr. Baker, Attorney

02:24:04 Rep. Ingraham

02:24:10 Mr. Chilcott, MACo

02:24:21 Rep. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

02:24:34 Rep. Ingraham

02:25:18 Mr. Chilcott, MACo

02:25:53 Rep. Ingraham

02:25:58 Rep. Connell

02:27:35 Rep. Wilson

02:27:43 Rep. Connell

02:29:00 Rep. Wilson

02:29:37 Rep. Connell

02:32:16 Rep. Wilson

02:33:16 Rep. Connell

02:34:32 Rep. Schwaderer

02:35:26 Mr. Baker, Attorney

02:39:08 Rep. Brockie

02:39:15 Mr. Baker, Attorney

02:40:54 Rep. Zolnikov

02:41:04 Rep. Connell

02:41:11 Rep. Zolnikov

02:41:50 Rep. Connell  
02:42:50 Rep. Zolnikov  
02:43:04 Rep. Connell  
02:43:21 Rep. McNally  
02:43:29 Rep. Connell  
02:43:49 Rep. McNally  
02:43:55 Rep. Connell  
02:44:58 Chair Bangerter  
02:45:14 Rep. Hagan  
02:45:35 Chair Bangerter  
02:45:41 Rep. McNally  
02:46:04 Rep. Connell  
02:47:58 Rep. McNally  
02:49:39 Mr. Richmond, Self  
02:50:35 Rep. Moore  
02:51:05 Mr. Baker, Attorney  
02:52:37 Rep. Swanson  
02:52:44 Rep. Connell  
02:52:49 Rep. Swanson  
02:53:26 Rep. Connell  
02:54:44 Rep. Swanson  
02:54:49 Rep. Steenberg  
02:55:51 Rep. Connell  
02:56:51 Chair Bangerter

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:56:58 Rep. Connell

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Sally Speer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh07aad.pdf](#))**