

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Rick Ripley, on April 12, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Ripley, Chair (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Edward Walker, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Taryn Purdy, 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: HB 377, 4/6/2013; HB 454, 4/6/2013; HB 580, 4/11/2013; HB 608, 4/11/2013; HB 19, 4/11/2013; SB 410, 4/11/2013; HB 626, 4/11/2013
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 377**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:38 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 377, Increase contributions and funding for TRS, revise GABA.

EXHIBIT(fcs77a01)

Sen. Walker entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:23 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:23:58 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement System (TRS)
00:25:42 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT
00:26:49 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
00:28:07 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:33 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, representing himself

EXHIBIT(fcs77a02)

00:30:02 Sen. Sesso and Sen. Caferro entered the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:41 Sen. Olson
00:37:16 Mr. Senn, TRS
00:37:41 Sen. Olson
00:37:47 Mr. Senn
00:37:56 Sen. Lewis
00:38:39 Mr. Senn
00:38:59 Sen. Lewis
00:39:09 Sen. Hamlett
00:40:03 Sen. Sesso
00:40:29 Rep. Woods
00:40:39 Sen. Sesso
00:41:08 Mr. Senn
00:41:35 Sen. Sesso
00:42:00 Mr. Senn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:33 Sen. Woods

00:43:20 Sen. Windy Boy entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 454**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:44:35 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 454, Provide funding for PERS defined benefit plan, revise GABA.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:35 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:49:47 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement System (PERS)

00:53:09 Rick Edwards, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a03\)](#)

00:54:21 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a04\)](#)

00:57:27 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

00:58:42 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

00:59:48 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, Bozeman, representing himself

01:02:02 Steve Garrison, Helena, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a05\)](#)

01:04:35 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

01:04:52 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

01:06:38 Russell Wrigg, Association of Retired Public Employees (AMRPE)

01:13:24 Charlene Suckow, Great Falls, representing herself

[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a06\)](#)

01:15:23 Rebecca Barger, Teamsters Local 190, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a07\)](#)

01:16:22 Gordon Morris representing Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

01:16:47 Marilyn Hamer, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a08\)](#)

01:18:07 John Hawe, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony:

01:22:23 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, representing himself

01:33:05 LeRoy Schramm, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(fcs77a09\)](#)

01:47:32 Sen. Buttrey entered the meeting.

01:47:33 Dick Henderson, representing himself

01:50:11 David Herzberg, representing himself

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:57 Sen. Wanzenried
01:51:28 Rep. McChesney
01:52:05 Sen. Wanzenried
01:52:17 Rep. McChesney
01:52:25 Sen. Lewis
01:53:43 Mr. Schramm, self
01:56:35 Sen. Tropila
01:57:25 Sen. Jent
02:00:51 Sen. Wanzenried
02:01:15 Budget Director Villa, OBPP
02:01:39 Sen. Wanzenried
02:01:47 Chairman Ripley
02:01:59 Sen. Wanzenried
02:02:09 Budget Director Villa
02:02:57 Sen. Wanzenried
02:03:18 Budget Director Villa
02:03:40 Sen. Webb
02:03:52 Budget Director Villa
02:04:34 Sen. Caferro
02:04:47 Chairman Ripley
02:04:54 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
02:05:10 Budget Director Villa
02:05:18 Sen. Caferro
02:05:48 Rep. McChesney
02:07:12 Sen. Caferro
02:07:22 Rep. McChesney
02:07:49 Sen. Caferro
02:08:08 Chairman Ripley
02:09:10 Mr. Schramm
02:13:24 Chairman Ripley
02:14:07 Mr. Schramm
02:16:03 Chairman Ripley
02:16:57 Rep. Hoven
02:19:00 Sen. Hamlett
02:20:02 Mr. Schramm

Closing by Sponsor:

02:18:55 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 580

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:24:34 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 580, Provide funding for governor's sage-grouse advisory council.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:28:45 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and for Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

02:29:27 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

02:29:52 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

02:30:40 Paul Sihler, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

02:31:31 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

02:32:08 Tom Ebzery, Devon Energy

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:33:07 Sen. Tropila

02:33:21 Rep. Connell

02:34:47 Sen. Sesso

02:35:27 Mr. Sihler, FWP

02:36:06 Sen. Hamlett

02:36:34 Rep. Connell

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:54 Rep. Connell

HEARING ON HB 608

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:38:54 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 608, Transfer orphan share funding to natural resources operation/project accounts.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:40:18 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

02:42:45 Roger Semler, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:43:06 Sen. Brown
02:43:37 Rep. Cuffe
02:46:03 Sen. Olson
02:46:16 Rep. Cuffe
02:46:33 Sen. Olson
02:46:59 Rep. Cuffe
02:47:16 Sen. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

02:47:29 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:47:40 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 19, Revise penalty and interest provisions related to tax law enforcement.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:49:04 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPA's (MSCPA)
02:49:55 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:51:53 Rep. Hollandsworth

HEARING ON SB 410

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:53:11 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 410, Authorizing transfers to implement provisions of House Bill 2.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:53:54 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:54:28 Sen. Brown
02:55:59 Sen. Olson
02:56:36 Sen. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

02:56:50 Chairman Ripley

HEARING ON HB 626

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:57:27 Sen. Alan Olson, (R), SD 23 opened for Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 626, Increase percentage of motor vehicle revenue for veterans' accounts.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

03:00:36 Joe Foster, Montana Veterans Affairs Division, Montana Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
03:03:19 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:03:37 Sen. Brenden
03:03:48 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
03:04:02 Sen. Brenden
03:04:11 Ms. Wilkinson
03:04:50 Sen. Tropila
03:05:19 Sen. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

03:05:40 Sen. Olson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:07 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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