

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Greef, on April 14, 2015 at 3:45 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Noah Horan, 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: SJ 20, 4/9/2015; SJ 21, 4/9/2015

00:01:22 Chair Greef
00:01:36 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:01:57 Chair Greef

HEARING ON SJ 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:11 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SJ 20, Interim study on historic road right-of-way acquisition.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:45 Shawn Thomas, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:08:14 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:10:43 Aiden Myhre, Plum Creek Timber Company
00:11:16 John Tubbs, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:50 Rep. Lamm
00:14:03 Sen. Tutvedt
00:14:42 Chair Greef
00:15:21 Sen. Tutvedt
00:16:30 Chair Greef
00:17:15 Sen. Tutvedt
00:18:11 Chair Greef

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:16 Sen. Tutvedt

HEARING ON SJ 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:49 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SJ 21, Interim study on local fire and emergency services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:00 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance
00:24:20 Brett Greger, BFIS
00:26:15 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:28:13 John Tubbs, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:24 Rep. Kelker
00:31:07 John Tubbs, DNRC
00:31:31 Rep. Kelker
00:31:35 John Tubbs, DNRC
00:32:01 Rep. Schwaderer
00:32:50 Sen. Facey
00:34:54 Rep. McConnell
00:35:36 Sen. Facey
00:36:35 Rep. McConnell
00:36:47 Sen. Facey
00:36:59 Rep. Hayman
00:37:50 Sen. Facey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:23 Sen. Facey

00:39:24 Chair Greef

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 20

00:40:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SJ 20 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Ricci voted by proxy. Rep. Pope will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 21

00:41:31 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SJ 21 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:41:52 Rep. McConnell
00:42:23 Rep. Garner

00:42:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Ricci voted by proxy. Rep. Garner will carry the bill.

00:43:13 Chair Greef
00:44:30 Rep. Mandeville
00:44:44 Rep. Garner
00:44:54 Chair Greef

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:45:38

Noah Horan, Secretary

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