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MONTANA SENATE
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on February 10, 2015 at 2:21 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused:
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, 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: SB 37, 2/6/2015; SB 200, 2/6/2015
Executive Action: SB 34 Do Pass; SB 145 Do Pass; SB 200 Do Pass; SB 37 Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27   Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 37, Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:52   Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:04:24   Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:13   Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:31   Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:55   Sen. Fielder

HEARING ON SB 200

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:31   Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 200, Lower individual income tax rates.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:56   Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MONTAX)
EXHIBIT(fcs30a01)
EXHIBIT(fcs30a02)

00:11:12   Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:42   Mike Kadas, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:14:04   Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken joined the meeting.
00:14:25   Eric Burke, MEA-MFT
00:16:37   Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:24	Sen. Sesso
00:19:10	Mr. Kadas, DOR
00:19:55	Sen. Sesso
00:20:50	Mr. Story, MONTAX
00:22:56	Sen. Sesso
00:23:34	Mr. Story

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:23   Sen. Ankney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 34

00:26:56   **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 34 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:27:13	Sen. Webb
00:27:44	Chair Jones
00:28:12	Sen. Rosendale
00:29:09	Sen. Howard
00:29:44	Sen. Brenden

00:30:51   **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Smith was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 145

00:32:09   **Motion:** Sen. Hamlett moved that **SB 145 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:32:28   Sen. Windy Boy

00:33:24   **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by voice vote with Sen. Hansen, Sen. Howard, Sen. Keane, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Rosendale and Sen. Sesso voting no. Sen. Smith was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 200

00:34:18   **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Rosendale moved that **SB 200 DO PASS**. Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Smith was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 37

00:35:38   **Motion:**   Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 37 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:35:53   Sen. Hamlett

00:36:47   **Vote:**   Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:58 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(fcs30aad.pdf)