

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on February 20, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317
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) (arrived after roll call)
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. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 234, 2/18/2015; SB 116, 2/17/2015; SB 216, 2/18/2015;
SB 367; 2/18/201

Executive Action: SB 107 Do Pass; SB 148 Do Pass; SB 171 Do Pass; SB 180 Do Pass;
SB 210 Do Pass; SB 344 Do Pass; SB 216 Do Pass; SB 234 Do Pass

Sen. Moore and Sen. Rosendale left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 234

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:56 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 234, Revise tax and fees for professional liability insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:29 Mark Baker, attorney, ALPS, and for Jesse Laslovich, chief legal counsel, State Auditor's Office

00:05:07 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:51 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:06 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 116, Increase elderly homeowner/renter tax credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:48 Aart Dolman, Great Falls

00:09:16 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

00:09:47 Donya Parrish, Montana Credit Unions

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:10:18 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:44 Sen. Hoven

HEARING ON SB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:25 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 216, Revise medicaid in home care services fraud prevention laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:11 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

00:17:57 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:19:08 Kelly Williams, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:32 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON SB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:09 Sen. Janna Taylor (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 367, Clarify general fund transfers to research and commercialization account.

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Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:23:34 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:49 Sen. Phillips

00:24:06 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:23 Sen. Taylor

00:25:47 Chair Brown

00:26:46 Recess
00:43:17 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 107

00:43:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 107 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Moore, Sen. Rosendale and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 148

00:45:49 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 148 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:45:59 Sen. Smith

00:46:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Moore, Sen. Rosendale and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

Sen. Moore joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 171

00:48:14 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 171 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:48:28 Sen. Sesso

00:49:20 Sen. Keane

00:50:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Keane, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Rosendale and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 180

00:51:10 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 180 DO PASS**.

00:51:43 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 180 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(fcs39a02\)](#)

00:52:01 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:53:38 Sen. Sesso

00:55:10 Mr. Moe, LFD

00:55:50 Sen. Sesso

00:56:12 Chair Jones

00:56:19 Sen. Sesso

00:56:25 Chair Jones

00:56:30 Sen. Ripley

00:56:53 Sen. Sesso
00:57:42 Sen. Ripley

00:57:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by voice vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:59:15 Sen. Keane

00:59:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Blasdel voting no. Sen. Rosendale and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

Sen. Rosendale joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 210

01:00:32 **Motion:** Sen. Hamlett moved that **SB 210 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:00:44 Sen. Phillips
01:01:01 Sen. Brenden
01:01:50 Sen. Ripley
01:02:13 Sen. Rosendale
01:02:36 Sen. Hamlett
01:02:53 Sen. Howard

01:03:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Howard, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Rosendale, Sen. C. Smith, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 344

01:04:56 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 344 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

Sen. Keane

01:05:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Keane, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 216

01:07:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 216 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 234

01:07:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 234 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:09:04 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:09 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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