

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 11, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: None

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: HB 244, 3/7/2015; HB 588, 3/7/2015; HB 180, 3/7/2015; HB 191, 3/7/2015

HEARING ON HB 244

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 244, Fund litigation protecting Montana products in interstate commerce.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:21 Bud Clinch, executive director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

00:11:51 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:26 Beth Kaeding, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:18:58 Mike Lee, Helena, representing himself

00:23:55 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:28:45 Robert Filipovich, Helena, representing himself

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:47 Sen. Keane
00:35:18 Rep. Essmann
00:35:53 Sen. Keane
00:36:09 Mr. Bennion, DOJ
00:36:37 Sen. Keane
00:36:57 Mr. Bennion
00:37:40 Sen. Phillips
00:37:57 Mr. Bennion
00:39:01 Sen. Phillips
00:39:28 Sen. Essmann
00:41:08 Sen. Phillips
00:41:31 Sen. Essmann
00:42:07 Sen. Hamlett
00:42:29 Mr. Bennion
00:43:40 Sen. Hamlett
00:43:54 Mr. Bennion
00:44:06 Sen. Caferro
00:44:42 Mr. Clinch
00:48:26 Sen. Caferro
00:48:53 Mr. Clinch
00:49:11 Sen. Hansen
00:49:40 Mr. Bennion
00:50:38 Sen. Hansen
00:51:21 Mr. Bennion
00:51:44 Sen. Webb
00:52:05 Mr. Bennion

00:53:41 Sen. Webb
00:53:51 Mr. Bennion
00:54:24 Sen. Keenan
00:54:35 Mr. Bennion
00:55:31 Sen. Sesso
00:56:16 Mr. Bennion
00:58:28 Sen. Sesso
00:59:25 Mr. Bennion

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:12 Rep. Essmann

HEARING ON HB 588

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:28 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 588, Revise laws related to a reduction in funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:36 Dan Villa, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:35 Sen. Phillips
01:06:47 Mr. Villa, OBPP
01:07:16 Sen. Sesso
01:07:37 Mr. Villa
01:08:15 Sen. Sesso
01:08:22 Rep. Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:00 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 180

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:09:40 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 180, Revise regional water laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs50a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:59 Mark Bostrom, administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division,
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(fcs50a02)

01:15:20 Rep. Tom Barrett, HD 40

01:16:27 Steve Wade, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCMRWA)

01:18:15 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Regional Water

01:19:08 Ron Devlin, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:21:15 Kathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:39 Sen. Rosendale

01:21:55 Ms. Duncan, LFD

01:22:03 Sen. Sesso

01:22:41 Mr. Bostrom, DNRC

01:24:04 Sen. Sesso

01:24:29 Mr. Bostrom

01:24:48 Ms. Duncan

01:25:11 Chair Jones

01:25:17 Sen. Sesso

01:25:32 Ms. Duncan

01:25:48 Sen. Sesso

01:26:05 Ms. Duncan

01:27:03 Chair Jones

01:27:15 Sen. Sesso

01:27:39 Mr. Bostrom

01:29:52 Sen. Webb

01:30:17 Mr. Bostrom

01:30:25 Sen. Webb

01:30:44 Sen. Rosendale

01:31:23 Chair Jones

01:31:43 Sen. Rosendale

01:31:59 Chair Jones

01:32:06 Jon Moe, LFD

01:32:27 Sen. Rosendale

01:32:34 Ms. Duncan

01:33:13 Sen. Hamlett

01:33:38 Sen. Sesso

01:36:13 Sen. Windy Boy

01:37:05 Sen. Keane

01:39:02 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:57 Rep. Price
01:40:50 Recess
01:57:39 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 191

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:58:02 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 191, Revise laws governing investigations of abuse at Montana state hospital.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs50a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:02:55 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
02:06:35 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers (MILC)
02:08:09 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Opponents' Testimony:

02:08:49 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Informational Testimony:

02:11:11 John Glueckert, Montana State Hospital (MSH)
02:13:53 Sen. Rosendale
02:14:05 Chair Jones

Opponents's Testimony:

02:14:09 Mr. Glueckert, MSH
02:16:51 Sen. Phillips
02:17:03 Mr. Glueckert
02:17:43 Chair Jones

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:18:07 Sen. Wolken
02:18:58 Rep. Eck
02:20:08 Sen. Rosendale
02:21:02 Rep. Eck
02:22:09 Sen. Hansen
02:23:17 Rep. Eck
02:24:08 Sen. Hansen
02:24:25 Rep. Eck
02:24:39 Sen. Hansen
02:26:50 Mr. Glueckert

02:27:34 Sen. Hansen
02:27:39 Rep. Eck
02:28:15 Sen. Hansen
02:29:36 Rep. Eck
02:29:57 Ms. Brenneman, DRM
02:31:11 Sen. Hansen
02:32:15 Mr. Glueckert
02:33:38 Sen. Hansen
02:34:47 Mr. Bennion, DOJ
02:35:41 Sen. Hansen
02:35:59 Mr. Bennion
02:36:44 Sen. Howard
02:37:18 Mr. Glueckert
02:39:33 Sen. Howard
02:39:37 Mr. Glueckert
02:39:42 Sen. Howard
02:40:14 Mr. Bennion
02:41:44 Sen. Howard
02:42:01 Mr. Bennion
02:42:28 Sen. Hamlett
02:42:47 Mr. Glueckert
02:45:15 Sen. Hamlett
02:45:24 Mr. Glueckert
02:45:32 Sen. Windy Boy
02:46:24 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
02:46:41 Mr. Bennion
02:48:05 Sen. Windy Boy
02:48:42 Mr. Glueckert
02:50:15 Sen. Windy Boy
02:50:38 Mr. Glueckert
02:52:17 Sen. Caferro
02:52:39 Mr. Glueckert
02:54:09 Sen. Caferro
02:54:17 Mr. Glueckert
02:54:46 Sen. Caferro
02:55:37 Mr. Bennion
02:56:36 Sen. Caferro
02:56:46 Mr. Bennion
02:57:21 Dana Toole, DOJ
02:58:42 Sen. Caferro
02:59:02 Ms. Toole
03:00:48 Sen. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

03:01:17 Rep. Eck

03:03:45 Chair Jones
03:05:33 Sen. Sesso
03:06:26 Chair Jones

03:07:28 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs50a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs50a05\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:11 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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