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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 20, 2015 at 9:05 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

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 237, 3/17/2015; SB 290, 3/17/2015

HEARING ON HB 237

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:51 Rep. Albert Olszewski (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 237, Providing requirements for Medicaid overpayment audits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:38 Greg Gould, counsel, Montana Dental Association (MDA)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a01\)](#)

00:12:47 David Hemion, executive director, Montana Dental Association (MDA)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a02\)](#)

00:14:33 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:15:50 Erin McGowan, Montana Childrens Initiative (MCI) and for Jani McCall, Montana Providers Group (MPG)

00:16:26 Margaret Morgan, Montana Dental Hygienists Association (MDHA)

00:17:00 John Metropoulos, AWARE

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:53 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:08 Sen. Sesso

00:26:34 Rep. Olszewski

00:27:34 Sen. Sesso

00:28:35 Rep. Olszewski

00:29:25 Sen. Sesso

00:30:18 Ms. Matthews, DPHHS

00:31:55 Sen. Sesso

00:33:09 Mr. Gould, MDA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:12 Rep. Olszewski

00:37:03 Chair Jones left the meeting and Vice Chair Keenan assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 290**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:53 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 290, Apply private motor carrier safety standards to certain publicly owned vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:31 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
00:39:33 Sen. Taylor joined the meeting.
00:41:12 Jessie Luther, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:42:33 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:43:36 John MacDonald, City of Missoula and for Dave Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
00:45:50 Larry Epstein, Montana Association of County Road Superintendents (MACRS)

Informational Testimony:

00:46:53 Duane Williams, Motor Carrier Division, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:43 Sen. Howard
00:48:37 Mr. Esp, MACo
00:49:36 Sen. Howard
00:49:51 Mr. Esp
00:50:07 Sen. Ripley
00:51:18 Mr. MacDonald, City of Missoula
00:54:51 Sen. Ripley
00:55:06 Mr. MacDonald
00:55:21 Sen. Moore
00:56:06 Sen. Keane
00:57:26 Sen. Moore
00:58:02 Mr. Esp
00:58:23 Sen. Ripley
00:58:45 Sen. Keane
00:59:24 Sen. Hansen
01:00:16 Mr. Williams, MDT
01:02:01 Sen. Hansen
01:02:14 Mr. Williams
01:02:24 Sen. Taylor
01:02:59 Mr. Williams
01:03:21 Sen. Taylor
01:03:34 Mr. Williams
01:03:43 Sen. Taylor
01:03:49 Mr. Stang, MCM

01:04:58 Sen. Hansen
01:05:55 Ms. Luther, MCA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:38 Sen. Keane

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:12 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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