

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on March 24, 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)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
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. 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

**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 474, 3/21/15; SB 157, 3/20/15; SB 193, 3/20/15; SB 408,  
3/20/15

**HEARING ON HB 474****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:43 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 474, Require child sexual abuse and child sex trafficking prevention efforts.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a01\)](#)

00:02:33 Sen. Moore joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:53 Brian Kahn, representing himself  
00:07:42 Sen. Keane and Sen. Sesso joined the meeting.  
00:07:46 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
00:09:16 Charlene Mayala, Soroptimists

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:24 Sen. Phillips  
00:11:50 Mr. Bennion, DOJ  
00:12:50 Sen. Taylor  
00:13:03 Mr. Bennion  
00:13:36 Sen. Taylor  
00:13:43 Mr. Bennion  
00:13:47 Sen. Brenden  
00:14:16 Mr. Bennion  
00:14:21 Sen. Wolken  
00:14:37 Mr. Bennion  
00:14:45 Sen. Wolken  
00:15:09 Mr. Bennion  
00:15:28 Sen. Hansen  
00:15:53 Rep. Eck

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:06 Rep. Eck  
  
00:21:04 Recess  
00:23:42 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SB 157****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:44 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 157, Generally revise tax reappraisal laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:17 Mike Kadas, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:34:24 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:34:52 Royal Davis, representing himself

00:38:02 Dave Wood, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a03\)](#)

00:43:07 Patricia Wood, representing herself

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:31 Sen. Rosendale  
00:43:58 Mr. Kadas, DOR  
00:46:12 Sen. Sesso  
00:46:34 Mr. Kadas  
00:49:53 Sen. Sesso  
00:50:03 Mr. Kadas  
00:50:25 Sen. Sesso  
00:50:51 Sen. Tutvedt  
00:51:46 Sen. Webb  
00:52:36 Sen. Tutvedt  
00:54:21 Sen. Howard  
00:54:48 Sen. Tutvedt  
00:56:15 Sen. Brenden  
00:57:08 Mr. Kadas  
01:03:21 Sen. Brenden  
01:04:05 Mr. Kadas  
01:04:45 Sen. Brenden  
01:04:51 Sen. Ripley  
01:05:43 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:07:04 Sen. Ripley  
01:07:18 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:08:52 Sen. Ripley  
01:09:06 Sen. Keane  
01:09:26 Sen. Tutvedt

01:10:15 Sen. Keane  
01:10:22 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:11:12 Sen. Phillips  
01:11:38 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:13:27 Chair Jones  
01:14:24 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:19:33 Chair Jones  
01:19:45 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:19:53 Chair Jones  
01:20:04 Sen. Hamlett  
01:20:47 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:21:37 Sen. Hamlett  
01:21:48 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:21:54 Chair Jones  
01:22:06 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:22:10 Sen. Ripley  
01:22:45 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:23:42 Sen. Ripley  
01:23:45 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:23:49 Chair Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:24:33 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:28:38 Sen. Keane assumed the chair and Chair Jones and Vice Chair Keenan left the meeting.

**HEARING ON SB 193**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:29:24 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 193, Revise agency liquor store laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:32:33 Christina Riffle, secretary, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana (LSOAM) and Red Lodge Liquor  
01:34:07 Tracy Prescott, president, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana (LSOAM)  
01:35:26 Sen. Ed Buttrey, SD 11

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:36:31 Ross Keogh, Lolo Liquor  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs61a04\)](#)  
01:41:25 Leigh Paffhausen, Lolo Liquor

**Informational Testimony:**

01:47:55 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:48:13 Sen. Brenden  
01:49:10 Ms. Helfert, DOR  
01:50:12 Sen. Brenden  
01:50:46 Ms. Helfert  
01:51:00 Sen. Hansen  
01:51:50 Mr. Keogh, Lolo Liquor  
01:53:36 Sen. Hansen  
01:54:05 Mr. Keogh  
01:54:31 Sen. Hansen  
01:55:09 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:57:44 Sen. Webb  
01:58:02 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:00:54 Sen. Webb  
02:01:05 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:01:42 Sen. Taylor  
02:01:50 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:02:27 Sen. Taylor  
02:02:38 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:03:23 Sen. Howard  
02:03:51 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:04:16 Sen. Howard  
02:04:52 Ms. Paffhausen, Lolo Liquor  
02:05:00 Sen. Hamlett  
02:05:20 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:05:56 Chair Keane  
02:06:43 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:07:35 Chair Keane  
02:07:43 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:08:44 Chair Keane  
02:09:22 Sen. Buttrey  
02:10:37 Sen. Taylor  
02:10:52 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:11:55 Sen. Taylor  
02:12:32 Sen. Tutvedt  
02:13:19 Sen. Hansen  
02:13:49 Ms. Helfert  
02:14:51 Sen. Hansen  
02:15:01 Ms. Helfert  
02:15:32 Sen. Webb  
02:15:54 Ms. Paffhausen  
02:16:01 Sen Webb  
02:16:06 Ms. Paffhausen  
02:16:09 Sen. Webb  
02:16:23 Chair Keane

02:17:10 Ms. Paffhausen  
 02:17:19 Chair Keane  
 02:18:03 Mr. Keogh  
 02:19:31 Chair Keane  
 02:20:01 Sen. Tutvedt  
 02:22:10 Chair Keane  
 02:22:33 Ms. Helfert  
 02:23:00 Chair Keane  
 02:23:27 Ms. Helfert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:23:36 Sen. Tutvedt

**HEARING ON SB 408**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:25:06 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 408, Establish an affordable workforce housing development tax credit.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:27:45 Don Sterhan, Mountain Plains Equity Group (MPEG)  
 02:34:03 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
 02:35:37 Sheila Rice, NeighborWorks Montana, Montana Coalition for Housing and Infrastructure (MCHI)

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02:38:32 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)  
 02:39:46 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana  
 02:40:39 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project  
 02:41:59 Ed Bartlett, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
 02:43:07 Gene Leuwer, GL Development  
 02:43:39 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
 02:44:16 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV (MMHRV)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:44:54 Bruce Brensdal, executive director, Board of Housing (MBOH)  
 02:45:24 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:45:41 Sen. Wolken  
 02:46:00 Sen. Buttrey  
 02:46:39 Mr. Brensdal, MBOH  
 02:47:12 Sen. Wolken

02:47:24 Mr. Brensdal  
02:47:51 Sen. Wolken  
02:48:05 Sen. Buttrey  
02:48:27 Sen. Caferro  
02:48:57 Mr. Bartlett, MCC  
02:50:26 Sen. Caferro  
02:50:38 Mr. Bartlett  
02:51:01 Sen. Caferro  
02:52:09 Ms. Rice, MCHI  
02:52:44 Sen. Caferro  
02:53:28 Ms. Rice  
02:54:15 Sen. Caferro  
02:54:23 Sen. Buttrey  
02:55:21 Sen. Caferro  
02:55:28 Sen. Buttrey  
02:55:37 Sen. Hamlett  
02:55:58 Ms. Rice  
02:56:30 Sen. Webb  
02:56:52 Sen. Buttrey  
02:57:29 Sen. Webb  
02:57:41 Sen. Buttrey  
02:58:06 Chairman Keane  
02:58:13 Mr. Olsen, DOR  
02:59:05 Chairman Keane  
02:59:12 Mr. Olson  
02:59:24 Chairman Keane  
02:59:29 Mr. Brensdal  
02:59:49 Chairman Keane  
02:59:59 Sen. Webb  
03:00:30 Mr. Sterhan, MPEG  
03:01:38 Sen. Hamlett  
03:02:06 Chairman Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:02:14 Sen. Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:04 a.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs61aad.pdf](#))**