

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 25, 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) (arrived after roll call)
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. 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: SB 398, 3/24/15; SB 411, 3/24/15

Executive Action: SB 157 Do Pass As Amended; SB 193 Be Tabled; SB 290 Do Pass As Amended; SB 264 Do Pass As Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 157

00:01:11 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 157 DO PASS.**

Sen. Caferro joined the meeting.

Discussion:

00:01:19 Chair Jones

00:02:14 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 157 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs62a01)

00:02:47 Chair Jones

00:03:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Phillips and Sen. Windy Boy were excused.

00:03:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 157 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Hansen, Sen. Howard, Sen. F. Moore, Sen. Rosendale, Sen. C. Smith, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Phillips and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 193

00:04:52 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 193 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:05:03 Sen. Keane

00:05:28 Sen. Hamlett

00:05:47 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-15 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. L. Jones and Sen. Keenan voting aye. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:07:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 193 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. L. Jones and Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 290

00:07:22 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 290 DO PASS.**

00:07:32 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 290 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs62a02)

Discussion:

00:08:31 Sen. Ripley
00:08:56 Sen. Keane

Sen. Phillips joined the meeting.

00:09:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-4 by voice vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Windy Boy was excused.

00:09:51 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 290 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:10:20 Sen. Moore
00:11:05 Sen. Hansen
00:11:53 Sen. Howard
00:12:04 Sen. Keane

00:12:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Keenan, Sen. F. Moore, Sen. Rosendale and Sen. Taylor voting no. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 264

00:13:35 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 264 DO PASS.**

00:14:25 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 264 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:14:43 Sen. Hansen
[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a04\)](#)

00:16:46 Sen. Phillips
00:16:55 Sen. Hansen

00:17:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Sen. Brenden and Sen. Hamlett voting no. Sen. Windy Boy was excused.

Sen. Taylor left the hearing.

00:17:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 264 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Keane voting no. Sen. Taylor and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 408

00:19:44 Chair Jones (*Note: Action on SB 408 postponed*)

Sen. Windy Boy joined the meeting. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Hansen, and Sen. Howard left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 398

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:20 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 398, Revise workers' compensation dividend payment laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:47 Bruce Halcro, Capitol Collision Center, Montana Collision Repair Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:28 Mark Barry, Montana State Fund (MSF)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a06\)](#)

00:32:09 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana and for Bob Worthington, Montana Self Insured Association; Keith Olson, Montana Logging Association; and Bob Biskupiak, Montana Independent Agents

00:32:44 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce and for Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:10 Sen. Moore

00:33:53 Mr. Barry, MSF

00:34:10 Sen. Rosendale

00:34:39 Mr. Barry

00:36:06 Sen. Rosendale

00:36:31 Mr. Barry

00:37:34 Sen. Sesso

00:38:02 Mr. Barry

00:40:38 Sen. Sesso

00:41:22 Mr. Barry

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:00 Sen. Keane

00:43:59 Chair Jones and Sen. Sesso left the meeting. Sen. Ripley assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 411**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:44:35 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 411, Plan for the closure of Montana developmental center at Boulder.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a07\)](#)

00:49:08 Chair Ripley

00:49:49 Sen. Caferro

(Note: Sen. Caferro stated that Jim Uecker, Residential Support Services, was a proponent)

00:51:47 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:52:25 Sen. Sesso

00:53:20 Ms. Matthews, DPHHS

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:02 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a09\)](#)

00:57:04 Bob and Ellen Marten, Great Falls, representing themselves

00:57:39 Christine Wiley, representing herself

00:58:31 Stacey Fisk, Butte, representing herself

01:01:53 Jeff Folsom, AWARE Inc.

01:03:59 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

01:04:42 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)

01:05:56 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:08:38 Terry Minow, MEA-MFT

[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a10\)](#)

01:13:30 Lowell Bartells, Farm in the Dell

01:16:39 Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commission

01:20:30 Chris Cavazos, AFL-CIO

[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a11\)](#)

01:22:15 Bob Mullen, Jefferson County Commission

[EXHIBIT\(fcs62a12\)](#)

01:29:48 Kevin Parvinen, representing himself

01:30:38 Rep. Kirk Wagoner, HD 75

01:31:42 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:32:14 Brent Yager, nurse, Montana Developmental Center (MDC)

01:35:37 Lynn Price, representing herself

01:36:54 Dustin Farnam, representing himself
01:38:34 Gary Craft, mayor, City of Boulder

Informational Testimony:

01:39:22 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:43 Sen. Windy Boy
01:40:11 Ms. Matthews
01:41:09 Sen. Hamlett
01:41:45 Ms. Matthews
01:42:01 Sen. Blasdel
01:42:30 Mr. Bennion, DOJ
01:44:00 Sen. Blasdel
01:44:37 Mr. Bennion
01:44:56 Sen. Wolken
01:45:38 Mr. Folsom, AWARE

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:43 Sen. Caferro

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs62aad.pdf](#))