

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 25, 2015 at 5:00 P.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) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
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 410 and SB 412, 3/24/2015; SB 405, 3/24/2015

00:01:44 Vice Chair Keenan assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SB 410 and SB 412

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:07 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 410, Provide for tax credits for contributions to public and private schools and SB 412, Referendum for tax credits for contributions to public and private schools.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:03 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:42 Jim Molloy, Governor's Office (GOV)
00:18:52 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
00:29:09 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:33:23 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
00:34:29 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)
00:35:10 Heather O'Laughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Institute (MBPI)

Informational Testimony:

00:36:42 Eric Stern, chief deputy, Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)
00:37:35 Sen. Brenden
00:37:52 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:11 Sen. Hansen
00:38:38 Sen. Jones
00:39:12 Sen. Hansen
00:39:24 Sen. Jones
00:39:29 Sen. Hansen
00:39:54 Mr. Audet, SAM
00:40:10 Sen. Hansen
00:40:19 Mr. Audet
00:40:24 Sen. Hansen
00:40:36 Mr. Audet
00:41:17 Sen. Hansen
00:41:22 Sen. Ripley
00:41:57 Sen. Jones
00:42:08 Sen. Brenden
00:42:29 Sen. Jones
00:42:37 Sen. Brenden
00:42:44 Sen. Jones
00:42:58 Sen. Moore

00:43:18 Sen. Jones
 00:44:20 Sen. Phillips
 00:44:44 Sen. Jones
 00:45:21 Sen. Phillips
 00:45:57 Sen. Jones
 00:47:30 Sen. Webb
 00:47:42 Sen. Jones
 00:48:30 Sen. Hamlett
 00:50:20 Sen. Jones
 00:50:47 Sen. Hamlett
 00:50:57 Sen. Jones
 00:51:50 Sen. Windy Boy
 00:52:23 Sen. Jones
 00:53:23 Sen. Windy Boy
 00:53:30 Sen. Jones
 00:54:03 Sen. Hamlett
 00:55:43 Sen. Jones
 00:56:47 Sen. Hamlett
 00:57:14 Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:11 Sen. Jones
 01:04:02 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 405

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:22 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 405, Establish the Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:51 Dan Villa, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
 01:26:15 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
 01:26:32 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana (NAMI)
 01:27:20 Kevin Howlett, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
 01:28:23 Aart Dolman, Great Falls YWCA
 01:30:36 Jim Higgins, Montana Enlisted Officer Association of Montana National Guard
 01:33:12 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals in Montana
 01:33:58 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
 01:36:14 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
 01:36:59 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana
 01:37:38 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
 01:39:32 Bill Warden, Billings Deaconess Hospital, Benefis, St. Peter's Hospital
 01:39:51 Susan Good-Giese, Lewis and Clark County commissioner
 01:43:04 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
 01:44:02 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:44:26 Sen. Lea Whitford, HD 8
01:45:32 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775NW
01:45:49 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:46:18 Brent Mead, Montana Policy Institute (MPI)

Informational Testimony:

01:48:53 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:19 Sen. Keane
01:49:51 Mr. Villa, OBPP
01:50:28 Sen. Keane
01:51:02 Sen. Buttrey
01:52:31 Sen. Keane
01:52:46 Sen. Buttrey
01:53:18 Sen. Ripley
01:53:58 Sen. Buttrey
01:55:18 Sen. Ripley
01:55:32 Mr. Villa
01:57:14 Sen. Ripley
01:57:31 Mr. Villa
01:58:05 Ms. Matthews, DPHHS
02:00:10 Sen. Ripley
02:00:45 Ms. Matthews
02:01:15 Sen. Ripley
02:01:33 Sen. Rosendale
02:02:08 Ms. Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
02:06:46 Sen. Rosendale
02:07:38 Ms. Grmoljez
02:08:22 Sen. Wolken
02:08:51 Mr. Villa
02:10:21 Sen. Windy Boy
02:10:47 Sen. Buttrey
02:11:04 Sen. Windy Boy
02:11:53 Sen. Buttrey
02:13:14 Sen. Moore
02:13:50 Sen. Buttrey
02:24:10 Sen. Moore
02:24:34 Sen. Buttrey
02:25:13 Sen. Keenan
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02:29:57	Sen. Keenan
02:31:08	Ms. Matthews
02:31:55	Sen. Caferro
02:32:18	Mr. Kuntz, NAMI
02:34:14	Sen. Caferro
02:34:34	Ms. Matthews
02:35:29	Sen. Sesso
02:36:29	Mary Dalton, DPHHS
02:37:46	Sen. Sesso
02:38:52	Mr. Olsen, MHA
02:42:43	Sen. Hamlett
02:43:12	Sen. Buttrey
02:44:27	Sen. Ripley
02:45:59	Sen. Buttrey
02:46:23	Sen. Ripley
02:46:32	Sen. Buttrey
02:46:44	Sen. Windy Boy
02:47:06	Ms. Dalton

Closing by Sponsor:

02:48:09	Sen. Buttrey
02:53:21	Chair Jones
02:54:15	Sen. Caferro

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs62bad.pdf](#))