

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 26, 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)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (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) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
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 407, 3/26/2015; SB 20, 3/26/2015; SB 413, 3/26/2015; SB 194, 3/26/2015; SB 420, 3/26/2015

HEARING ON SB 407

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:09 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 407, Revise tax-exempt status requirements for certain nonprofit pharmacy operations.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs63b01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:01 Bob Marsalli, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs63b02\)](#)

00:10:42 Sen. Taylor and Sen. Sesso joined the meeting.

00:10:59 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana

00:12:02 Bill Warden, Benefis Health Systems

00:12:40 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

[EXHIBIT\(fcs63b03\)](#)

00:13:25 Don Foley, Southwest Montana Community Health Center

00:14:19 Cindy Smith, Community Health Center

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:56 Sen. Ripley

00:15:26 Sen. Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:19 Sen. Vincent

[EXHIBIT\(fcs63b04\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:06 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 20, Reallocate metal mines license tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:16 Dan Villa, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:21:39 Jenny Chambers, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:13 Sen. Windy Boy
00:22:40 Ms. Chambers, DEQ
00:23:24 Sen. Keane
00:23:56 Mr. Villa, OBPP
00:24:03 Sen. Keane
00:24:11 Mr. Villa
00:24:23 Sen. Keane
00:24:30 Sen. Taylor
00:25:06 Sen. Vincent
00:25:57 Sen. Taylor
00:26:09 Sen. Vincent
00:26:31 Ms. Chambers
00:27:44 Sen. Taylor
00:28:09 Ms. Chambers
00:29:10 Sen. Sesso
00:30:32 Mr. Villa
00:30:52 Sen. Sesso
00:31:31 Sen. Brenden
00:31:45 Ms. Chambers
00:33:24 Sen. Brenden
00:33:30 Ms. Chambers
00:33:42 Chair Jones
00:34:07 Sen. Rosendale joined the meeting.
00:34:16 Mr. Villa
00:35:14 Chair Jones
00:35:20 Mr. Villa
00:35:24 Chair Jones
00:35:39 Sen. Windy Boy
00:36:02 Mr. Villa

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:13 Sen. Vincent
00:37:24 Sen. Sesso
00:38:13 Chair Jones

HEARING ON SB 413

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:29 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 413, Create informal small claims division within the state tax appeal board.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs63b05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs63b06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:44 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPAs (MSCPA)

00:47:43 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:48:19 Dave McAlpin, State Tax Appeal Board

00:49:21 Dan Whyte, chief legal counsel, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:50 Sen. Arntzen

HEARING ON SB 194

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:47 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 194, Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs63b07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:42 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:54:32 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:48 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 420

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:08 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 420, Authorize lease contract with purchase option for Montana heritage center.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:47 Sen. Taylor
00:58:40 Sen. Hamlett
00:59:03 Sen. Taylor
00:59:06 Sen. Hamlett
00:59:36 Sen. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:45 Sen. Hamlett

Committee Business:

01:01:13 Chair Jones
01:01:56 Sen. Moore
01:02:09 Chair Jones
01:02:42 Sen. Keane
01:02:45 Chair Jones
01:03:52 Sen. Keane
01:04:00 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:04 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs63bad.pdf](#))