

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 13, 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)
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)
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 10, 4/8/2015; HB 115, 4/8/2015; HB 123, 4/8/2015; HB 403, 4/8/2015; HB 512, 4/8/2015

HEARING ON HB 10**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:08 Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 10, Long-Range Information Technology Appropriations.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:26 Ron Baldwin, chief information officer, Department of Administration (DOA)

00:08:51 Sen. Caferro and Sen. Sesso joined the meeting.

00:10:41 Lynne Pizzini, DOA

00:12:29 John Dougherty, chief information officer, Department of Corrections (COR)

00:13:04 Beth McLaughlin, administrator, Montana Supreme Court (MSC)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a03\)](#)

00:14:50 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a04\)](#)

00:17:03 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a05\)](#)

00:19:57 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

00:20:19 Joe Chapman, chief information officer, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:21:11 Mike Bousliman, Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:21:42 Mike McGinley, commissioner, Beaverhead County Commission (BCC)

00:23:59 David Schulz, commissioner, Madison County Commission (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:19 Linda Stoll, Missoula County and Verizon customer representing herself

00:27:43 Geoff Feiss, general manager, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

00:30:39 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems (MITS)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a08\)](#)

00:33:12 Susan Bomstad, Montana Chapter of the International Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO)

00:36:01 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

00:36:31 Margaret Morgan, MITS

Informational Testimony:

00:37:14 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:18 Sen. Hansen
00:39:50 Mr. Butler, MHP
00:40:51 Sen. Hansen
00:41:13 Mr. Blattie, MACo)
00:42:19 Sen. Hansen
00:42:55 Mr. Blattie
00:44:07 Sen. Hansen
00:44:27 Mr. Feiss, MTA
00:44:36 Sen. Wolken
00:45:20 Mr. Blattie
00:46:52 Sen. Wolken
00:47:26 Mr. Blattie
00:47:45 Sen. Webb
00:48:01 Mr. Butler
00:48:19 Sen. Webb
00:48:25 Mr. Butler
00:48:45 Sen. Phillips
00:48:59 Rep. McCarthy
00:51:31 Sen. Phillips
00:52:45 Rep. McCarthy
00:53:08 Sen. Sesso
00:54:25 Rep. McCarthy
00:55:51 Sen. Sesso
00:55:58 Rep. McCarthy
00:56:19 Sen. Sesso
00:57:02 Mr. Baldwin, DOA
00:57:44 Sen. Sesso
00:58:38 Mr. Baldwin
00:59:18 Sen. Sesso
00:59:55 Mr. Butler
01:01:04 Sen. Sesso
01:03:01 Mr. Butler

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:16 Rep. McCarthy

HEARING ON HB 115**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:10:05 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 115, Generally revise board of nursing laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a09\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:15 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

01:12:50 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MTNA)
01:13:35 Cynthia Gustafson, Montana Board of Nursing (MTBN)
01:14:22 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:15:42 Eleanor Cooperider, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:10 Sen. Howard
01:17:28 Ms. Byrd, MTNA
01:18:57 Sen. Howard
01:19:02 Ms. Byrd

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:18 Rep. Funk

HEARING ON HB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:20:48 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 123, Generally revise public records laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:56 Jorge Quintana, chief legal, Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:33 Sen. Hansen
01:23:17 Rep. Jones
01:23:43 Sen. Hansen
01:23:53 Rep. Jones
01:24:13 Sen. Moore
01:24:25 Rep. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:44 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 403**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:25:32 Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 403, Provide for long range building appropriations.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a10\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:11 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

01:30:45 Marilyn Ross, representing herself

01:33:01 David Schulz, commissioner, Madison County Commission (MCC)

01:35:47 Bill Howell, Montana Heritage Commission (MHC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:36:53 Jeff Hagener, director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a12\)](#)

01:40:08 Joe Cohenour, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (MEF)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a13\)](#)

01:42:16 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:45:40 Bill Geer, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a14\)](#)

01:47:25 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)

01:48:46 Jim Posewitz, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association (HHAA)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a15\)](#)

01:50:50 Gayle Joslin, HHAA

01:52:29 Jay Gore, Big Sky Upland Bird Association

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a16\)](#)

01:53:02 Robert Sanders, Ducks Unlimited

01:53:21 Dan Bailey, Pheasants Forever

01:53:41 Craig Roberts, Upland Game Bird Council

01:54:06 Tim Aldrich, self

01:54:16 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

01:54:47 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited

01:55:15 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a17\)](#)

01:55:41 Stan Frasier, representing himself

01:55:58 Irv Wilke, Laurel Rod & Gun Club

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a18\)](#)

01:56:27 Clayton Elliott, Montana Wilderness Association
01:56:42 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Conservation Voters

Informational Testimony:

01:57:01 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:58:17 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning
01:58:35 Chair Jones left the meeting. Sen. Keane assumed the chair.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:58:45 Sen. Phillips
01:59:26 Rep. Hagstrom
02:00:52 Sen. Phillips
02:00:53 Rep. Hagstrom
02:01:05 Sen. Hansen
02:01:45 Mr. Denowh, UPOM
02:02:19 Sen. Hansen
02:02:50 Mr. Denowh
02:02:58 Sen. Brenden
02:04:40 Mr. Denowh
02:04:54 Sen. Sesso
02:06:46 Mr. Hagener, FWP
02:08:41 Sen. Sesso
02:09:27 Mr. Hagener
02:10:22 Sen. Sesso
02:11:27 Rep. Hagstrom
02:11:49 Sen. Sesso
02:12:48 Rep. Hagstrom
02:15:03 Sen. Hamlett
02:15:45 Mr. Hagener
02:18:19 Sen. Hamlett
02:18:40 Mr. Hagener
02:19:46 Sen. Ripley
02:20:30 Rep. Hagstrom
02:21:42 Sen. Ripley
02:21:50 Rep. Hagstrom
02:22:05 Chair Keane
02:22:36 Mr. Hagener
02:24:04 Chair Keane
02:24:15 Mr. Hagener

Closing by Sponsor:

02:24:34 Rep. Hagstrom

HEARING ON HB 512

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:26:10 Rep. Dale Mortensen (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 512, Establish an eastern Montana crime laboratory.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs74a19\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:28:43 Rep. Kelly McCarthy, HD 49

02:31:45 Bruce McIntyre, Billings Chamber of Commerce

02:32:23 Dan Schwarz, deputy county attorney, Yellowstone County

02:37:29 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud, Dawson, Phillips, Musselshell Counties and City of Glendive

02:38:31 Frank Garner, representing himself

02:39:11 Dr. Phil Kinsey, administrator, State Crime Lab

02:39:44 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

02:40:03 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

02:40:32 Tracy Ellig, Montana University System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:41:08 Sen. Howard

02:41:39 Mike Milburn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

02:44:45 Sen. Howard

02:44:54 Mr. Milburn

Closing by Sponsor:

02:45:37 Rep. Mortensen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:47 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs74aad.pdf](#))