

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on February 16, 2017 at 2:54 P.M., in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, 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 44, 2/10/2017; HB 304, 2/10/2017

Executive Action: HB 3 Be Concurred In as Amended; SB 96 Do Pass As Amended;
HB 304 Be Concurred In

HEARING ON SB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:04 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 44, Provide process to hold patients harmless from balance billing by air ambulance.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:02:28 Scott Boulanger, Independent Air Ambulances and Sierra Health Group
[EXHIBIT\(fcs34a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:48 Sen. Vance

HEARING ON HB 304

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:10 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 304, Statutory appropriation to the department of revenue for cigarette tax stamps.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:58 Gene Walborn, deputy director, Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:31 Rep. Cook

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 3

00:06:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Sen. McNally and Sen. Sesso voted by proxy. Sen. Ankney and Sen. Caferro were excused. Sen. Moore will carry the bill. *(Note: HB 3 was amended in this committee on 1/31/17)*

00:06: 59 Sen. Caferro joined the meeting.

00:07:30 Sen. Sesso and Sen. Ankney joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96

00:07:41 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 96 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:08:07 Sen. Smith

00:08:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 96 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

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00:09:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 96 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Sen. McNally voting no by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 304

00:10:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 304 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

00:11:20 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:11:29 Chairman Jones

00:12:11 Sen. Sesso

00:12:15 Chairman Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:06 PM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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