

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on February 23, 2017 at 8:05 AM, in Room 317 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. Mary McNally (D)
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: None

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 145, 2/21/2017; SB 197, 2/21/2017; SB 233, 2/21/2017;
SB 240; 2/21/2017; SB 271, 2/21/17; SB 294, 2/22/2017

Executive Action: SB 145 Do Pass As Amended; SB 197 Do Pass As Amended; SB 233 Do Pass As Amended; SB 240 Do Pass; SB 271 Do Pass As Amended; SB 294 Do Pass As Amended; SB 43 Do Pass As Amended; SB 126 Do Pass; SB 126 Motion Withdrawn; SB 260 Do Pass As Amended

HEARING ON SB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 240, Revise laws related to legislator healthcare benefits.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:44 Sen. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 294

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:10 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 294, Generally revise laws related to state government pay plans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:48 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:30 Sen. Keenan

00:06:57 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:22 Sen. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:17 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 145, Generally revise laws re when certain individuals may be transferred to DOC.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:02 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
00:11:04 John Wilkinson, representing himself
00:11:48 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:14 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:33 Sen. Keenan
00:14:07 Sen. Webb
00:14:27 Sen. McNally
00:14:46 Sen. Webb
00:15:03 Chairman Jones
00:15:34 Sen. Webb
00:16:12 Chairman Jones
00:16:29 Sen. Sesso
00:16:57 Ms. Barnard, DPHHS
00:17:28 Sen. Sesso
00:17:49 Ms. Barnard
00:17:58 Sen. Sesso
00:18:41 Sen. Webb
00:19:09 Sen. Sesso
00:19:46 Sen. Webb
00:20:07 Sen. Caferro
00:20:56 Mr. Wilkinson, self
00:21:49 Sen. Caferro
00:22:04 Mr. Wilkinson
00:22:26 Sen. Sesso
00:22:48 Sen. Webb
00:23:11 Chairman Jones
00:23:30 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:39 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON SB 271**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:32 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 271, Revise laws related to the closure of the Montana Developmental Center.
00:27:32 Chairman Jones

00:27:34 Sen. Thomas
00:27:36 Chairman Jones
00:27:47 Sen. Thomas

[EXHIBIT\(fcs40a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs40a02\)](#)

00:31:22 Chairman Jones

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:32 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
00:32:28 Eve Franklin, Montana Association of Community Disability Services
00:33:34 Charlie Briggs, representing himself
00:34:35 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:57 Dan Villa, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:37:50 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:19 Sen. Howard
00:38:56 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:04 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SB 233

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:07 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 233, Revise DPHHS rulemaking on medicaid services for youth in foster care.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:47:06 Duane Preshinger, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:37 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 197

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:46 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 197, Require child sexual abuse and child sex trafficking prevention efforts.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:05 Sen. Sesso
00:50:38 Sen. Gauthier
00:51:06 Sen. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:30 Sen. Gauthier

00:53:13 Recess
02:01:01 Reconvene

02:01:10 Chairman Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 145

02:01:40 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 145 DO PASS.**

02:01:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 145 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Sen. Sesso voting no.

EXHIBIT(fcs40a03)

02:03:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 145 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Sen. Sesso voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 197

02:04:07 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 197 DO PASS.**

02:04:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **SB 197 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(fcs40a04)

02:05:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 197 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 233

02:05:51 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 233 DO PASS**.

02:05:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 233 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(fcs40a05)

02:06:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 233 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 240

02:06:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 240 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 271

02:07:34 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 271 DO PASS**.

02:07:44 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 271 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(fcs40a06)

Discussion:

02:08:31 Sen. Caferro

02:09:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:09:41 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 271 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:09:51 Sen. Sesso

02:10:13 Sen. Olszewski

00:10:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Sesso, Sen. Welborn and Sen. Wolken voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 294

02:11:26 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 294 DO PASS**.

02:11:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 294 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(fcs40a07)

02:12:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 294 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 43

02:13:17 **Motion:** Sen. Sesso moved that **SB 43 DO PASS**.

02:13:29 **Motion:** Sen. Sesso moved that **SB 43 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(fcs40a08\)](#)

Discussion:

02:13:31 Sen. Sesso

02:16:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:16:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sesso moved that **SB 43 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126

02:17:30 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 126 DO PASS**.

02:17:53 Without objection, Sen. Moore withdrew the DO PASS motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 260

02:17:58 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 260 DO PASS**.

02:18:07 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 260 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(fcs40a09\)](#)

Discussion:

02:18:20 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division

02:19:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:19:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 260 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:20:04 Chairman Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:26 AM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs40aad.pdf](#))