

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 7, 2019 at 2:50 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jon C. Sesso, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Branch
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 175, 2/4/2019; HB 159, 2/25/2019; SB 60, 1/31/2019

Executive Action: HB 71; SB 8; SB 32; SB 52; SB 55; SB 84; SB 111; HB 175; HB 159

14:49:08 Chairman Osmundson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 71

14:49:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 71 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lang, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso were excused. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

Sen. Lang joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8

14:50:19 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 8 DO PASS**.

14:50:46 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 8 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(fcs25a01\)](#)

Discussion:

14:50:47 Chairman Osmundson

14:51:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso were excused.

14:51:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 32

14:52:54 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 32 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

14:52:49 Chairman Osmundson

14:53:03 Chair Osmundson

14:53:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 32 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso were excused.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs25a02\)](#)

14:53:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 32 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 52

14:54:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 52 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55

14:54:36 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 55 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

14:54:50 Sen. Salomon

14:55:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84

14:56:26 Chair Osmundson

14:56:32 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 84 DO PASS**.

14:56:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 84 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso were excused.

EXHIBIT(fcs25a03)

14:57:01 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 84 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

14:57:15 Sen. McNally

14:57:20 Chair Osmundson

14:57:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111

14:57:48 Chair Osmundson

14:57:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 111 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell and Sen. Sesso were excused.

Discussion:

14:58:24 Chair Osmundson

14:58:30 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

14:58:43 Sen. Ankney, Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Kary, Sen. Lang, Sen. Webber, and Sen. Welborn were excused and left the meeting.

Sen. Keenan, Sen. Osmundson, Sen. Smith, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Salomon, Sen. McNally, and Sen. Olszewski were present.

HEARING ON HB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:59:04 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 175, Provide for state employee pay plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:00:14 John Lewis, director, Department of Administration (DOA)
15:02:11 Larry Nielsen, Montana Federation of Public Employees
15:02:53 Kevin McRae, Montana University System
15:03:30 Geneva Zoltek, Associated Students of Montana State University
15:04:26 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce
15:05:06 John Forkan, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Teamsters Local #2
15:05:45 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:06:33 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
15:06:47 Mike Manion, DOA

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:07:19 Chairman Osmundson
15:07:37 Mr. Lewis, DOA
15:07:56 Mr. Evans, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:08:54 Rep. Dooling

HEARING ON HB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:09:36 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 159, Generally revise education funding laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:12:34 Eric Feaver, Montana Public Education Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:13:26 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:49 Sen. Keenan
15:14:17 Rep. Grubbs
15:14:32 Mr. Taylor, OPI
15:14:40 Chair Osmundson
15:15:42 Sen. Keenan
15:16:02 Mr. Taylor
15:16:55 Sen. Keenan
15:17:16 Chair Osmundson
15:17:22 Sen. Ellis
15:17:36 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

Closing by Sponsor:

15:18:01 Rep. Grubbs

HEARING ON SB 60

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:19:29 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 60, Generally revise laws related to financial aid programs.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs25a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:22:35 Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)
15:22:57 Eric Feaver, Montana Federation of Public Employees
15:23:53 Brenna Love, Associated Students of the University of Montana
15:24:45 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:26:15 Shauna Albrecht, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:40 Sen. McNally
15:27:10 Sen. Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

15:28:02 Sen. Salomon

15:29:08 Chair Osmundson
15:29:10 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

15:29:24 Recess
15:42:37 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 175

15:42:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 175 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 17-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Kary, Sen. Lang, Sen. McConnell, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Webber and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Howard was excused. Sen. Gauthier will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 159

14:44:52 Chair Osmundson

15:44:54 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

15:45:27 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 159 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

15:45:36 Sen. Ellis

15:45:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Kary, Sen. Lang, Sen. McConnell, Sen. Webber and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Howard was excused. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:54 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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