

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on February 11, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Nate McConnell (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch  
Jack Racicot, Committee Secretary

**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 55, 1/31/2019; SB 198, 2/6/2019; SB 200, 2/6/2019

**HEARING ON SB 198**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:21 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 198, Providing legal access to parcels exempt from subdivision review.

**EXHIBIT(los28a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:02:39 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**EXHIBIT(los28a02)**

15:03:16 Sen. MacDonald entered the meeting.

15:07:01 Jeff Barber, Montana Association of Planners

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:07:28 Craig Brown, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors

15:09:06 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

15:11:25 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors; Montana Building Industry Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:12:14 Sen. Gauthier

15:12:30 Ms. DePuy, MACo

15:12:45 Sen. Gauthier

15:13:06 Sen. Ellsworth

15:15:01 Chair Lang

15:15:25 Mr. Gowen, MLTA

15:16:33 Sen. Gauthier

15:17:11 Mr. Gowen

15:18:13 Sen. Gauthier

15:18:27 Mr. Gowen

15:18:34 Sen. MacDonald

15:19:05 Ms. DePuy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:21:15 Sen. Ellsworth

15:22:13 Sen. Sesso entered the meeting.

**HEARING ON SB 200**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:23:04 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 200, Provide for equal classification of homes on a foundation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:27:11 Phil Lillederg, self

[EXHIBIT\(los28a03\)](#)

15:34:47 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:37:44 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

15:40:31 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association

15:41:46 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

15:42:32 Jason Boggess, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:45:15 Sen. Gauthier

15:45:50 Mr. Lillederg, self

15:45:54 Sen. Gauthier

15:45:56 Mr. Lillederg

15:46:05 Sen. Gauthier

15:46:10 Mr. Lillederg

15:46:26 Sen. Gauthier

15:46:35 Mr. Lillederg

15:46:37 Sen. Gauthier

15:46:59 Mr. Lillederg

15:47:24 Sen. Gauthier

15:47:31 Mr. Lillederg

15:48:24 Sen. Sesso

15:48:53 Sen. Webb

15:49:13 Sen. Sesso

15:49:46 Sen. Webb

15:49:51 Sen. Sesso

15:51:25 Sen. Webb

15:53:34 Sen. Sesso

15:54:53 Sen. Webb

15:55:47 Sen. Sesso

15:55:55 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue (DOR)

15:59:05 Sen. Sesso

16:00:10 Mr. Whyte, DOR

16:00:28 Mr. Boggess, DOR

16:01:06 Sen. Sesso

16:02:04 Mr. Boggess

16:02:36 Sen. Gauthier

16:03:35 Mr. Lillederg

16:04:41 Chair Lang

16:05:08 Gordy Conn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:07:33 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON HB 55**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:10:27 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 55, Revise Sanitation in Subdivisions Act.

**[EXHIBIT\(los28a04\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:12:28 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality

**[EXHIBIT\(los28a05\)](#)**

16:16:53 Jennifer Olson, Department of Commerce

16:17:32 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineering Companies

16:18:44 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

16:19:20 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

16:19:41 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties

16:20:13 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials

**[EXHIBIT\(los28a06\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:21:13 Chair Lang

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:21:36 Rep. Mandeville

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:23

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Jack Racicot, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los28aad.pdf](#))**