

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 13, 2019 at 3:03 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. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

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 123, 1/31/2019; HB 124, 1/31/2019

Executive Action: HB 123 - Be Concurred In
HB 124 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:56 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 123, Generally revise sewer district laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:32 Dennis Zander, commissioner, Dawson County

15:07:23 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(los30a01)

15:09:05 Ron Devlin, Dawson County

15:09:45 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive; Montana League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:10:40 Rep. Doane

HEARING ON HB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:11:18 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 124, Authorize county commissioners to lift agricultural covenants -limited situation.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:13:55 Shane Gorder, commissioner, Richland County

15:15:04 Tara DePuy, land use attorney, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(los30a02)

15:18:36 Tom Halvorson, civil attorney Board of County Commissioners, Richland County

15:19:39 Loren Young, Richland County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:20:15 Sen. Sesso

15:20:47 Ms. DePuy, MACo

15:20:51 Sen. Sesso

15:21:09 Ms. DePuy

15:21:42 Sen. Sesso

15:21:55 Ms. DePuy

15:22:32 Sen. Sesso

15:22:53 Ms. DePuy
 15:23:01 Sen. Sesso
 15:23:20 Ms. DePuy
 15:23:41 Sen. Sesso
 15:24:16 Ms. DePuy
 15:25:10 Chair Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

15:25:28 Rep. Mandeville

15:26:20 Sen. Webb left the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123

15:28:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 123 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. R. Webb voted by proxy. Sen. Hinebauch will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 124

15:28:43 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 124 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

15:28:49 Sen. Sesso
 15:29:48 Chair Lang

15:30:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. R. Webb voted by proxy. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

15:30:22 Chair Lang
 15:30:29 Toni Henneman, Legislative Service Division, LSD
 15:30:50 Chair Lang
 15:30:55 Sen. Sesso
 15:31:02 Ms. Henneman
 15:31:10 Chair Lang
 15:31:14 Ms. Henneman
 15:31:18 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:31 PM

Jack Racicot, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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