

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 18, 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. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Noah Horan, 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: SB 263, 2/15/2019

Executive Action: HB 55 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED; HB 154 BE CONCURRED IN; HB 259 BE CONCURRED IN; SB 198 DO PASS; SB 200 MOTION WITHDRAWN; SB 243 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:19 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 263, Allow exemptions for certain divisions in a subdivision.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:45 Terry Nelson, planning administrator, Ravalli County
EXHIBIT(los34a01)

15:06:08 Ron Marshall, self

15:06:59 Deanna Marshall, self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:07:19 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
EXHIBIT(los34a02)

15:15:04 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

15:19:41 Jeff Barber, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

EXHIBIT(los34a03)

15:20:49 Tim Davis, administrator, Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:52 Chair Lang

15:22:12 Sen. McConnell

15:22:59 Mr. Nelson, Ravalli County

15:23:36 Sen. MacDonald entered the hearing.

15:24:23 Sen. Webb

15:25:19 Mr. Nelson

15:26:20 Sen. McConnell

15:27:01 Ms. DePuy, MACo

15:27:23 Sen. McConnell

15:28:07 Ms. DePuy

15:30:32 Sen. Sesso

15:33:03 Sen. Ellsworth

15:37:33 Sen. Sesso

15:41:16 Sen. Ellsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

15:43:02 Sen. Ellsworth

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 55

15:46:28 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 55 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:47:25 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 55 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(los34a04\)](#)

Discussion:

15:47:37 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:51:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:51:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 55 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gauthier will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 154

15:52:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 154 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. MacDonald will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 259

15:52:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 259 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 198

15:54:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **SB 198 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 200

15:55:34 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **SB 200 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:55:53 Sen. Webb

15:57:09 Sen. MacDonald

15:57:32 Sen. Webb

15:58:29 Sen. MacDonald

15:58:37 Sen. Webb

15:58:56 Sen. Sesso

16:00:03 Without objection, Sen. Gauthier withdrew his motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 243

16:00:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **SB 243 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:01 PM

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los34aad.pdf](#))