

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 19, 2019 at 2:53 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso, Vice Chair (D)  
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. 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. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:**

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

**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 71, 2/15/2019; SB 65, 2/12/2019; SB 24, 2/12/2019;

Executive Action: SB 7; SB 114; HB 73

14:54:37 Chair Osmundson

Sen. Lang and Sen. Solomon joined the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 7**

14:54:49 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 7 BE TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

14:54:54 Chair Osmundson

14:55:04 Sen. Olszewski

14:55:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McConnell were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 114**

14:55:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 114 DO PASS.** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Bogner and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McConnell voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 73**

14:56:30 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 73 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:56:50 Chair Osmundson

14:56:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McConnell voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 24**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:57:45 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 24, Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:58:57 John MacDonald, City of Missoula, and for the Montana League of Cities and Towns

14:59:18 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:00:15 Dustin Temple, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:00:34 Sen. Sesso

15:01:08 Sen. Gauthier

15:01:18 Mr. Temple, FWP  
15:01:55 Sen. Sesso  
15:02:34 Mr. Temple  
15:03:15 Sen. Sesso  
15:03:37 Sen. Gauthier  
15:03:43 Sen. Sesso  
15:04:06 Sen. Gauthier  
15:04:35 Sen. Sesso  
15:04:55 Mr. Temple

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:05:33 Sen. Gauthier

**HEARING ON SB 65****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:06:08 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 65, Generally revise drug and alcohol laws.

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs35a01\)](#)****Proponents' Testimony:**

15:11:14 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
15:17:02 Ron Yates, representing himself, member of DUI task force

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs35a02\)](#)**

15:23:55 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association  
15:25:03 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers, Community Counseling and Correction Services  
15:26:02 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association  
15:26:42 Lenette Kosovich, CEO, Rimrock Foundation  
15:28:13 Nikolas Griffith, Boyd Andrew Community Services

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:29:20 Gayle Butler, Department of Corrections (COR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:29:59 Sen. Sesso  
15:31:03 Sen. Regier  
15:35:08 Sen. Sesso  
15:35:46 Sen. Regier  
15:36:29 Sen. Sesso  
15:36:52 Ms. Butler, COR  
15:37:25 Sen. Sesso  
15:38:19 Ms. Butler  
15:38:54 Chair Osmundson  
15:39:15 Sen. Sesso  
15:39:23 Ms. Butler  
15:39:57 Sen. Lang

15:41:23 Tom Butler, colonel, Montana Highway Patrol  
15:43:26 Sen. Keenan  
15:43:52 Kurt Sager, sergeant, Montana Highway Patrol  
15:44:27 Sen. Keenan  
15:45:36 Chair Regier  
15:45:47 Mr. Bennion, DOJ

[EXHIBIT\(fcs35a03\)](#)

15:47:01 Sen. Keenan  
15:47:26 Mr. Bennion

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:48:00 Sen. Regier

**HEARING ON SB 71**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:49:10 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 71, Regulate health insurers' administration of pharmacy benefits for consumers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:50:28 Kris Hansen, deputy state auditor, chief legal officer, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor

[EXHIBIT\(fcs35a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:52:38 Chair Osmundson  
15:52:49 Sen. Olszewski

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:52:59 Sen. Olszewski

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:53 P.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fcs35aad.pdf](#))