

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 21, 2019 at 2:57 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. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
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 203, 2/15/2019

[Note: SB 125 , originally scheduled to be heard, was rescheduled to February 22, 2019]

14:57:35 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON SB 203

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:15 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 203, Add a District Court Judge to the 18th Judicial District.

15:04:58 Sen. Ellis joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:50 Holly Brown, district judge, 18th Judicial District, Gallatin County
EXHIBIT(fcs37a01)

15:14:47 Don Seifert, Gallatin County Commission

15:16:07 Sen. Jacobson joined the meeting.

15:19:08 Mike Wheat, representing himself

EXHIBIT(fcs37a02)

15:21:38 Domenic Cossi, Gallatin County Bar Association

EXHIBIT(fcs37a03)

15:22:24 Ed Bartlett, Montana State Bar Association, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

15:23:30 Pat Fox, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:24:21 Sen. Sesso

15:24:54 Mr. Seifert, Gallatin County Bar

15:25:02 Sen. Sesso

15:25:07 Mr. Seifert

15:26:21 Sen. Ellis

15:27:00 Mr. Wheat, self

15:30:36 Sen. Ellis

15:31:08 Mr. Wheat

15:32:54 Sen. Ellis

15:33:10 Chair Osmundson

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:36 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:34:41 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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