

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 25, 2019 at 9:03 AM, in Room 317  
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. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
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: HB 237, 2/4/2019; SB 155, 2/21/2019; SB 216, 2/21/2019;  
SB 217, 2/21/2019; SB 315, 2/22/2019

**HEARING ON HB 237****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:03:49 Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 237, Allow school district bond issuance for a term of up to 30 years.

**EXHIBIT(fcs40a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:06:53 Dale Olinger, superintendent, Lolo School District, School Administrators of Montana

09:09:36 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA); and for Dr. Kirk Miller, executive director, School Administrators of Montana; Denise Williams, executive director, Montana Association of School Business Officials

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:12:38 Sen. Cuffe  
09:13:11 Rep. Krotkov  
09:13:33 Sen. Cuffe  
09:13:42 Rep. Krotkov  
09:14:09 Sen. Cuffe  
09:14:15 Mr. Parman, MREA  
09:17:57 Sen. Cuffe  
09:18:41 Mr. Parman  
09:20:10 Sen. Cuffe  
09:20:20 Sen. Howard  
09:20:42 Mr. Parman  
09:21:34 Sen. Howard  
09:22:02 Mr. Parman  
09:23:33 Sen. Howard  
09:23:46 Sen. Ellis  
09:24:16 Mr. Parman  
09:24:57 Sen. Ellis  
09:25:41 Rep. Krotkov  
09:27:33 Sen. Lang  
09:27:51 Sen. Ankney  
09:28:16 Mr. Parman  
09:28:36 Sen. Ankney

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:29:01 Rep. Krotkov

**HEARING ON SB 155****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:30:02 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 155, Revising mandatory minimums for certain sexual offenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:32:51 Cory Swanson, county attorney, Broadwater County, Montana County Attorneys Association  
09:44:24 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:44:56 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:46:47 Sen. Cuffe  
09:47:10 Mr. Galt, MSPOA  
09:47:21 Sen. Cuffe  
09:47:38 Sen. McConnell  
09:49:35 Mr. Swanson, Broadwater County  
09:53:42 Sen. McConnell  
09:54:30 Mr. Swanson  
09:55:14 Sen. McConnell  
09:55:39 Ms. Young, MCADSV  
09:57:17 Sen. McConnell  
09:57:44 Sen. Lang  
09:58:43 Mr. Swanson  
09:59:46 Sen. Ankney  
10:01:07 Mr. Swanson  
10:02:37 Sen. Ankney  
10:02:56 Mr. Swanson  
10:03:36 Sen. Howard  
10:04:04 Mr. Swanson  
10:04:28 Sen. Howard  
10:04:50 Mr. Swanson  
10:05:50 Sen. Ellis  
10:06:40 Sen. Webb  
10:06:50 Sen. Ellis  
10:07:24 Chair Osmundson  
10:08:20 Sen. Ellis  
10:08:36 Chair Osmundson  
10:09:36 Sen. Flowers  
10:11:00 Mr. Swanson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:13:28 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 216****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:14:56 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 216, Revise laws related to child and family ombudsman.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:17:30 Rep. Barry Usher, HD 40  
10:22:51 Matt Furlong, vice president, Montana Child Protection Alliance  
10:25:26 Raye Newmeyer, representing herself\_\_\_

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:26:17 Marti Vining, administrator, Child and Family Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services  
10:26:51 Dana Toole, bureau chief, Children's Justice Bureau, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:32:27 Sen. McNally  
10:33:17 Sen. Webb  
10:34:12 Sen. McNally  
10:34:16 Sen. Webb  
10:34:27 Sen. McNally  
10:34:53 Traci Shinabarger, chief child and family ombudsman, DOJ  
10:37:35 Sen. Jacobson  
10:38:05 Ms. Shinabarger  
10:41:36 Sen. Jacobson  
10:41:51 Ms. Shinabarger  
10:43:16 Sen. Lang  
10:43:31 Ms. Shinabarger  
10:43:47 Ms. Toole  
10:44:45 Sen. Lang  
10:44:48 Ms. Toole

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:45:11 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 217****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:48:11 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 217, Revise taxation of social security income.

Chairman Osmundson left the hearing, and Vice Chair Smith assumed the chair.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:51:26 Gene Walborn, director, Department of Revenue  
10:53:00 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:54:39 Sen. Howard

**HEARING ON SB 315**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:56:11 Sen. Scott Sales (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 315, Revise laws on public defender assignments related to local ordinances.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:57:59 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:00:25 Teague Westrope, deputy city attorney, City of Billings  
  
11:07:40 Chairman Osmundson joined the meeting and assumed the chair.  
  
11:07:47 Bekki McLean, chief prosecutor, City of Bozeman  
11:12:21 Jim Dolan, city attorney, City of Dillon  
11:14:50 Tim Burton, executive director, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**EXHIBIT(fcs40a02)**

11:19:47 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:21:42 Sen. Lang  
11:22:07 Mr. Bryson, MACo  
11:22:16 Sen. Sesso  
11:23:05 Sen. Sales  
11:26:42 Sen. Sesso  
11:27:14 Sen. Sales  
11:27:35 Sen. Sesso  
11:28:55 Mr. Bryson  
11:30:13 Sen. Sesso  
11:30:56 Mr. Westrope, Billings  
11:32:15 Sen. Sesso  
11:33:44 Mr. Westrope  
11:34:11 Sen. Jacobson  
11:35:18 Mr. Bryson  
11:36:25 Sen. Jacobson

11:37:05 Mr. Westrope  
11:38:12 Sen. Keenan  
11:38:22 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
11:39:06 Sen. Cuffe  
11:39:15 Chair Osmundson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:39:27 Sen. Sales  
  
11:41:44 Chair Osmundson  
11:42:53 Sen. Cuffe  
11:42:58 Sen. Sesso

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:43 P.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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**Additional Documents:**

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**EXHIBIT([fcs40aad.pdf](#))**