

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Terry Gauthier, on February 25, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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:** Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)

**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 301, 2/20/2019; SB 314, 2/22/2019

Executive Action: SB 301 DO PASS AS AMENDED; SB 314 TABLED

15:00:02 Sen. Gauthier assumed the chair.

**HEARING ON SB 301**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:12 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 301, Provide county commissioners must approve public road closures.

15:01:14 Sen. MacDonald entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:04:17 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:06:35 Sen. Sesso  
15:07:04 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
15:07:42 Sen. Sesso  
15:09:44 Mr. Bryson, MACo  
15:10:45 Sen. Sesso  
15:11:05 Ms. Henneman, LSD  
15:11:13 Sen. Webb  
15:11:26 Mr. Bryson  
15:12:05 Sen. MacDonald  
15:12:44 Mr. Bryson  
15:12:55 Sen. Vuckovich  
15:14:11 Mr. Bryson  
15:15:31 Sen. Vuckovich  
15:15:55 Mr. Bryson  
15:16:08 Sen. MacDonald  
15:16:21 Ms. Henneman

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15:16:58 Sen. Ellsworth

15:17:45 Sen. Small

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:18:13 Sen. Small

**HEARING ON SB 314**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:19:07 Sen. Nate McConnell (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 314, Allow local authorities to decrease speed limits in residence districts.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:20:33 Sen. MacDonald  
15:21:15 Sen. McConnell  
15:21:20 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
15:21:31 Sen. McConnell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:22:04 Sen. McConnell  
  
15:22:18 Sen. Ellsworth  
15:22:30 Chair Gauthier  
15:22:41 Sen. Sesso  
15:22:47 Chair Gauthier  
15:23:04 Sen. Sesso  
  
15:23:32 Recess  
15:31:48 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 301**

15:31:56 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 301 DO PASS.**

15:32:04 **Motion:** Sen. Ellsworth moved that **SB 301 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO ADD "UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A COUNTY."**

**Discussion:**

15:32:11 Ms. Henneman

15:32:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

15:32:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 301 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sen. Lang and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 314**

15:33:40 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 314 DO PASS.**

15:33:47 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ellsworth made a Substitute Motion that **SB 314 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with Sen. MacDonald and Sen. McConnell voting no. Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:34 PM

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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