

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 26, 2019 at 9:01 PM, 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. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

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: SB 147, 2/26/2019; HB 3, 2/25/2019; SB 278, 2/25/2019

Executive Action: SB 30; SB 147; SB 155; SB 203; SB 216; SB 217; SB 315

HEARING ON SB 147

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:37 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 147, Revising laws concerning human trafficking and sex crimes to protect victims.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:06:03 Bjorn Boyer, deputy county attorney, Gallatin County

09:12:13 Stephanie Baucus, Yellowstone County Area Human Trafficking Task Force

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:00 Sen. MacDonald

HEARING ON HB 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:16:54 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 3, Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

09:20:21 Sen. McConnell joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:21:58 Amy Sassano, deputy budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:23:13 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction

09:23:36 Patricia Greiberis, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

09:24:00 Mike Honeycutt, Department of Livestock

09:24:19 John Daugherty, Department of Corrections

09:24:30 Cheryl Grey, Department of Administration

09:24:46 Beth McLaughlin, court administrator, Judicial Branch

09:24:57 Mandi Hinman, Public Service Commission

09:25:12 Rhonda Schaffer, Office of the State Public Defender

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:25:47 Rep. Holmlund

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:26:36 Sen. Sesso

09:26:46 Rep. Holmlund
09:27:04 Chair Osmundson
09:27:10 Rep. Holmlund
09:27:22 Sen. Keenan
09:27:35 Rep. Holmlund
09:27:43 Sen. Cuffe
09:27:55 Rep. Holmlund
09:28:01 Sen. Cuffe
09:28:11 Rep. Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

09:28:28 Rep. Holmlund

HEARING ON SB 278

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:29:15 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 278, Revise cost-recovery and transfer laws for certain energy resources.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:32:07 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip

Opponents' Testimony:

09:36:56 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)

09:42:53 Diego Rivas, NW Energy Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a02\)](#)

09:46:18 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

09:51:35 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest

09:53:22 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

Informational Testimony:

09:54:54 Robin Arnold, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:55:19 Sen. Ankney

09:55:38 Mr. Brown, MCC

09:57:19 Sen. Ankney

09:57:23 Mr. Brown

09:57:40 Sen. Ellis

09:59:06 Ms. Arnold, PSC

Chair Osmundson left the meeting. Sen. Smith assumed the Chair.

10:00:43 Sen. McConnell

10:02:04 Sen. Richmond

Chair Osmundson returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

10:04:16 Sen. McConnell
 10:04:48 Sen. Richmond
 10:05:06 Sen. Howard
 10:05:28 Sen. Richmond
 10:05:48 Sen. Howard
 10:05:55 Sen. Richmond
 10:06:04 Sen. McNally
 10:06:24 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

10:06:54 Sen. Richmond

 10:08:52 Chair Osmundson

 10:09:23 Recess
 10:47:00 Reconvene

Sen. McNally and Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 30

10:48:16 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 30 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:48:36 Sen. Sesso
 10:49:25 Sen. Flowers

 10:50:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Howard, Sen. Kary, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Salomon voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 147

10:51:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 147 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 155

10:51:58 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 155 DO PASS.**

 10:52:19 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 155 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a03\)](#)

Discussion:

10:52:37 Chair Osmundson
 10:52:42 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division
 10:52:52 Sen. McConnell
 10:54:28 Sen. Sesso
 10:55:43 Sen. Lang
 10:56:14 Sen. Howard

10:56:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting no.

10:57:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 155 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 203

10:57:47 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 203 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:58:09 Chair Osmundson

10:58:56 Sen. Flowers

10:59:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 216

11:00:51 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 216 DO PASS**.

11:01:07 **Motion:** Sen. Howard moved that **SB 216 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a04\)](#)

Discussion:

11:01:24 Sen. Howard

11:02:14 Sen. McNally

11:02:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:02:32 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 216 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

11:02:41 Sen. Jacobson

11:03:12 Sen. Howard

11:04:07 Sen. Olszewski

11:04:41 Sen. Ellis

11:05:08 Chair Osmundson

11:05:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Howard, Sen. Kary, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson, Sen. Salomon and Sen. C. Smith voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217

11:06:23 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 217 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

11:06:38 Sen. Sesso

11:08:11 Sen. Howard

11:09:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Webber and Sen. Welborn voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 315

11:10:26 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 315 DO PASS.**

11:10:41 **Motion:** Sen. McConnell moved that **SB 315 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs41a05\)](#)

Discussion:

11:11:01 Sen. McConnell

11:11:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:12:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 315 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Welborn voting no.

11:13:15 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:13 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs41aad.pdf](#))