

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on March 11, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
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: None

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: HB 299, 3/8/2019; HB 326, 3/8/2019

Executive Action: HB 15 TABLED; HB 236 TABLED; HB 299 BE CONCURRED IN;
HB 326 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 299

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:37 Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 299, Generally revising laws related to improvement district bonds.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:13 Joe Briggs, county commissioner, Cascade County
[EXHIBIT\(los49a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:42 Sen. MacDonald
15:09:07 Mr. Briggs, Cascade County
15:09:30 Sen. Sesso
15:10:23 Mr. Briggs

Closing by Sponsor:

15:11:14 Rep. Krotkov

HEARING ON HB 326

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:11:38 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 326, Allow person to serve on more than one special district board in rural area.

[EXHIBIT\(los49a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los49a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:52 Sen. Ellsworth
15:15:04 Rep. Redfield
15:15:35 Sen. Ellsworth
15:16:08 Rep. Redfield
15:16:50 Sen. MacDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

15:17:01 Rep. Redfield

Committee Business:

15:18:29 Chair Lang
15:19:26 Sen. Sesso

15:19:33 Sen. Ellsworth
 15:19:45 Chair Lang
 15:20:27 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 15:21:03 Sen. Webb
 15:21:19 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 15:21:40 Sen. Sesso
 15:23:04 Ms. Lynch, MLCT
 15:23:11 Sen. Sesso
 15:23:26 Chair Lang
 15:23:39 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 15:23:46 Sen. Ellsworth
 15:23:49 Ms. Henneman, LSD
 15:24:35 Chair Lang
 15:24:41 Ms. Henneman
 15:25:24 Mr. Burton, MLCT
 15:26:16 Chair Lang
 15:26:26 Sen. MacDonald
 15:26:47 Ms. Henneman
 15:27:24 Sen. MacDonald
 15:28:22 Ms. Henneman
 15:29:01 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 15:29:37 Chair Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15

15:29:46 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 15 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:29:57 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb made a Substitute Motion that **HB 15 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with Sen. MacDonald, Sen. McConnell, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Vuckovich voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 236

15:31:24 **Motion:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 236 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:31:37 Sen. MacDonald

15:32:42 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. MacDonald, Sen. McConnell, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 299

15:33:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 299 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McConnell will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 236

15:33:52 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:33:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 236 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 5-4 by voice vote with Sen. MacDonald, Sen. McConnell, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Vuckovich voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 326

15:34:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gauthier moved that **HB 326 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

15:34:58 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:35 PM

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los49aad.pdf](#))