

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 13, 2019 at 9:06 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. 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
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Branch
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 262, 3/8/2019; HB 422, 3/8/2019; HB 436, 3/8/2019; HB 444,
3/8/2019
Executive Action: SB 278; SB 195; SB 200; HB 237; SB 302; HB 422; HB 436; HB
444; HB 262; SB 203; SB 216

09:07:47 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 262

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:08:09 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 262, Revise the consumer protection act regarding fund transfers.

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Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:13:08 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:13:31 Sen. Ellis
09:14:45 Rep. Mercer
09:16:33 Mr. Bennion, DOJ
09:17:53 Sen. Ellis
09:18:31 Mr. Bennion
09:19:59 Sen. Ellis
09:20:19 Sen. Flowers
09:21:16 Rep. Mercer
09:22:04 Sen. Sesso
09:22:22 Sen. McConnell and Sen. Salomon joined the meeting.
09:22:44 Rep. Mercer
09:24:17 Sen. Sesso
09:24:32 Rep. Mercer
09:25:02 Sen. Keenan
09:26:11 Mr. Bennion
09:27:01 Sen. Cuffe
09:27:33 Mr. Bennion
09:31:07 Sen. Cuffe
09:31:18 Mr. Bennion
09:31:48 Sen. Lang
09:32:03 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Closing by Sponsor:

09:32:23 Rep. Mercer

HEARING ON HB 444

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:33:57 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 444, Provide funding allocation for intermediary re-lending program.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:35:44 Doug Hill, Board of Investments (BOI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:36:10 Sen. Ellis
09:37:05 Mr. Hill, BOI
09:37:46 Sen. Jacobson and Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.
09:37:53 Sen. Ellis
09:38:14 Mr. Hill
09:39:04 Sen. Ankney
09:39:16 Mr. Hill
09:40:24 Sen. Ankney
09:40:31 Mr. Hill
09:40:43 Sen. Keenan
09:40:59 Mr. Hill
09:41:25 Sen. Olszewski
09:41:39 Mr. Hill
09:42:11 Sen. Olszewski
09:42:17 Mr. Hill
09:42:48 Chair Osmundson
09:42:59 Mr. Hill
09:44:45 Sen. Cuffe
09:45:10 Mr. Hill
09:48:17 Sen. Cuffe
09:48:22 Mr. Hill
09:48:28 Sen. Webber
09:48:53 Mr. Hill
09:49:02 Sen. Webber
09:49:18 Mr. Hill
09:49:42 Sen. Kary
09:50:04 Rep. Custer
09:50:18 Sen. Kary
09:50:39 Rep. Custer

Closing by Sponsor:

09:51:20 Rep. Custer

Committee Business:

09:52:02 Sen. Keenan
09:53:44 Chair Osmundson

Discussion on SB 278:

09:53:52 Sen. Tom Richmond, SD 28

HEARING ON HB 436**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:57:56 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 436, Increase construction project cost threshold requiring park board approval.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:59:41 Dustin Temple, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

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

10:00:55 Sen. Kary
10:01:23 Mr. Temple, FWP
10:03:02 Sen. Kary
10:03:06 Mr. Temple
10:03:42 Sen. Lang
10:04:13 Mr. Temple

Closing by Sponsor:

10:04:42 Rep. Hamlett

HEARING ON HB 422**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:06:15 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 422, Increase amount available for Montana veteran home loan program.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:09:26 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Officer and Enlisted Association
[EXHIBIT\(fcs51a02\)](#)

10:13:28 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association
10:14:27 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

10:15:10 Cheryl Cohen, Board of Housing, Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:15:29 Sen. Ellis
10:16:23 Ms. Cohen, DOC
10:17:26 Sen. Cuffe
10:17:55 Mr. Hill

Closing by Sponsor:

10:18:44 Rep. Buttrey

Committee Business:

10:19:57 Chair Osmundson
 10:20:01 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
 10:20:48 Chair Osmundson
 10:21:55 Sen. McConnell

10:22:41 Recess
 10:58:32 Reconvene

Sen. McNally joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 278

10:59:29 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 278 DO NOT PASS.**

10:59:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan made a **SUBSTITUTE MOTION** that **SB 278 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 195

11:00:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 195 DO PASS.** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting aye.

11:01:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 195 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis and Sen. Sesso voting no.

Sen. Keenan left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 200

11:02:52 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 200 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:02:58 Chair Osmundson
 11:03:14 Sen. Lang

11:04:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 237

11:04:32 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 237 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:04:38 Sen. Smith
 11:04:47 Sen. Lang
 11:05:15 Sen. Salomon

11:05:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Howard, Sen. Kary, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 302

11:06:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 302 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 422

11:07:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 422 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Olszewski will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 436

11:08:13 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 436 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

11:08:26 Sen. Sesso
 11:09:30 Chair Osmundson
 11:09:37 Sen. Lang

11:09:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 444

11:10:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 422 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Ankney will carry the bill.

Discussion on HB 262:

11:11:15 Sen. Sesso
 11:11:56 Sen. Jacobson
 11:13:37 Chair Osmundson
 11:13:45 Sen. Olszewski
 11:14:11 Sen. McConnell

Discussion on SB 278:

11:14:34 Sen. Ankney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 203

11:15:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 203 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers and Sen. Sesso voting no. Sen. Keenan was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 216

11:16:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SB 216 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Sen. Keenan was excused

Committee Business:

11:17:22 Sen. Howard
11:17:33 Chair Osmundson
11:17:46 Sen. Cuffe
11:17:53 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:18 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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