

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on March 18, 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. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**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 379, 3/15/2019; SB 323, 3/15/2019

**HEARING ON SB 323****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:20 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 323, Allow the creation and assessment of a public safety district.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:03:11 Jeff Essmann, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:09:07 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

15:13:24 Liz Moore, Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA)

15:18:28 Candace Payne, Statewide Alliance of YMCAs

15:21:15 John MacDonald, City of Missoula, also representing Montana Newspaper Association

15:27:10 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)

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

15:30:36 Sen. MacDonald

15:31:24 Sen. Webb

15:32:02 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:32:29 Sen. MacDonald

15:33:26 Sen. Webb

15:33:40 Ms. Henneman, LSD

15:33:47 Sen. MacDonald

15:34:12 Sen. Webb

15:34:31 Sen. MacDonald

15:34:37 Sen. Webb

15:34:44 Sen. McConnell

15:35:36 Sen. Webb

15:36:07 Sen. McConnell

15:36:52 Mr. MacDonald, City of Missoula

15:37:41 Sen. McConnell

15:37:51 Mr. MacDonald

15:38:41 Sen. McConnell

15:38:53 Mr. MacDonald

15:39:04 Sen. Ellsworth

15:39:29 Mr. MacDonald

15:39:43 Sen. Ellsworth

15:39:58 Mr. MacDonald

15:40:56 Sen. Ellsworth

15:41:06 Mr. MacDonald

15:41:37 Sen. Ellsworth

15:42:01 Mr. MacDonald

15:42:11 Sen. Ellsworth

15:42:38 Mr. Olsen, MHA

15:42:45 Sen. Ellsworth

15:42:52 Mr. Olsen

15:43:09 Sen. Ellsworth  
 15:43:30 Mr. Olsen  
 15:44:23 Sen. Ellsworth  
 15:44:39 Mr. Olsen  
 15:45:36 Sen. Ellsworth  
 15:45:56 Mr. Olsen  
 15:46:44 Sen. Ellsworth  
 15:47:40 Mr. Olsen  
 15:49:12 Sen. MacDonald  
 15:49:51 Mr. Olsen  
 15:50:35 Sen. MacDonald  
 15:51:26 Mr. MacDonald  
 15:52:36 Sen. MacDonald  
 15:52:56 Mr. MacDonald  
 15:53:08 Sen. McConnell  
 15:54:34 Mr. Essmann, self  
 15:54:56 Sen. McConnell  
 15:55:19 Mr. Essmann  
 15:58:24 Chair Lang  
 15:58:50 Ms. Moore, MNA  
 16:00:07 Chair Lang  
 16:00:27 Mr. Olsen  
 16:01:08 Chair Lang  
 16:01:19 Mr. Olsen  
 16:01:23 Chair Lang  
 16:01:44 Mr. Olsen  
 16:02:30 Chair Lang  
 16:02:49 Mr. Olsen  
 16:02:58 Chair Lang  
 16:03:03 Mr. Olsen  
 16:03:15 Chair Lang  
 16:03:34 Mr. Story, MonTax  
 16:04:13 Sen. Ellsworth  
 16:04:47 Mr. Olsen

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16:05:36 Sen. MacDonald  
 16:06:48 Ms. Moore

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:08:01 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON HB 379**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:12:36 Rep. Theresa Manzella (R), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 379, Establish working animal protection act.

**EXHIBIT(los55a02)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:28:32 Margaret Duezabou, self

16:31:51 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:36:17 Rep. Manzella

16:41:53 Chair Lang

16:42:11 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division

16:43:56 Sen. MacDonald

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:44 PM

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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