

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 20, 2019 at 9:05 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: SB 18, 3/14/2019; SB 170, 3/14/2019; SB 204, 3/14/2019

Executive Action: HB 3; SB 195; SB 65

**HEARING ON SB 204****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:07:12 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 204, Revise tax exemption laws for certain mobile homes.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:09:08 Tyler Gernant, treasurer, Missoula County

[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a02\)](#)

09:15:06 Maureen Rude, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)

09:16:38 Andrea Davis, MHC, Homeword

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:17:59 Gordy Conn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:18:22 Sen. McConnell

09:19:01 Mr. Conn, DOR

09:19:15 Mr. Gernant, Missoula

09:19:51 Sen. Kary

09:20:12 Mr. Gernant

09:21:17 Sen. Kary

09:21:25 Mr. Gernant

09:21:51 Chair Osmundson

09:22:03 Mr. Gernant

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:22:59 Sen. MacDonald

**HEARING ON SB 170****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:24:42 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 170, Revise elderly homeowner/renter income tax credit.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:26:55 Fran Viereck, AARP Montana

09:29:23 Maureen Rude, Montana Housing Coalition

09:29:38 Andrea Davis, executive director, Homeword and representing herself

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:30:41 Gene Walborn, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:33:18 Sen. Cuffe  
 09:33:49 Sen. Hoven  
 09:34:15 Sen. Cuffe  
 09:34:26 Sen. Hoven  
 09:34:29 Sen. Cuffe  
 09:35:04 Mr. Walborn, DOR  
 09:35:39 Sen. Cuffe  
 09:35:48 Mr. Walborn  
 09:36:02 Sen. Jacobson  
 09:36:30 Sen. Hoven  
 09:38:14 Sen. Jacobson  
 09:38:47 Sen. Hoven

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:39:11 Sen. Hoven

09:40:21 Recess

Senator Jacobson and Sen. Smith left the meeting.

10:08:51 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 3**

10:10:17 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:10:23 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:12:00 Sen. Sesso  
 10:13:51 Sen. Keenan  
 10:14:17 Sen. Olszewski

10:14:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

10:14:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 195**

10:15:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 195 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

10:16:03 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 195 DO PASS.**

10:16:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 195 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a04\)](#)

10:16:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 195 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 65**

10:17:26 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 65 DO PASS**.

10:17:38 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **SB 65 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a05\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:18:09 Sen. Lang

10:19:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

10:19:22 **Motion:** Sen. Sesso moved that **SB 65 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a06\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:19:43 Sen. Sesso

10:22:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. Olszewski voting no. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

10:23:20 **Motion:** Sen. McConnell moved that **SB 65 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a07\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:23:52 Sen. McConnell

10:27:19 Sen. Olszewski

10:27:41 Sen. Sesso

10:30:00 Sen. Salomon

10:30:30 Sen. McConnell

10:31:09 Sen. Salomon

10:31:21 Sen. McConnell

10:32:14 Sen. Howard

10:33:47 Sen. McConnell

10:34:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Howard, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

10:35:48 **Motion:** Sen. McConnell moved that **SB 65 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a08\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:38:39 Sen. Olszewski  
 10:38:57 Sen. Howard  
 10:39:23 Chair Osmundson  
 10:39:51 Sen. Ankney  
 10:40:10 Sen. McConnell

10:40:16 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Keenan, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting aye. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

10:41:15 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 65 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

10:41:25 **Motion:** Sen. McConnell moved that **SB 65 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a09\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:42:15 Sen. McConnell

10:43:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Sen. Ankney, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting aye. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

10:44:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 65 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Keenan and Sen. McConnell voting no. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON SB 18**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:46:27 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 18, Establish workforce housing tax credits.

Chair Osmundson and Vice Chair Smith left the meeting. Vice Chair Sesso assumed the chair.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:50:26 Maureen Rude, Montana Housing Coalition  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a10\)](#)

10:53:55 Louis Bosso, Sugar Creek Capital  
 10:56:10 Andrea Davis, Homeward; also speaking for Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(fcs57a11\)](#)

11:00:26 Michael O'Neil, Helena Housing Authority (HHA), Montana Housing Coalition  
 11:03:58 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)  
 11:05:15 Jason Harby, attorney, St. Peter Law Offices

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:06:25 Sen. Olszewski  
 11:07:00 Mr. Bosso, Sugar Creek Capital  
 11:09:00 Sen. Olszewski  
 11:09:12 Mr. Bosso  
 11:10:10 Sen. Flowers  
 11:10:51 Sen. MacDonald  
 11:11:41 Sen. Flowers  
 11:11:57 Sen. MacDonald  
 11:12:38 Sen. Lang  
 11:12:49 Mr. Burton, MLCT  
 11:13:09 Sen. Lang  
 11:13:18 Mr. Bosso  
 11:14:14 Sen. Lang  
 11:14:28 Mr. Bosso  
 11:14:54 Chair Sesso  
 11:15:28 Mr. O'Neil, HHA  
 11:18:14 Sen. Olszewski  
 11:18:42 Mr. Burton

Chair Osmundson joined the meeting.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:19:55 Sen. MacDonald  
 11:23:46 Chair Osmundson assumed the chair.

**Committee Business:**

11:34:48 Chair Osmundson  
 11:24:41 Sen. Ellis  
 11:24:54 Chair Osmundson  
 11:26:21 Sen. Cuffe  
 11:26:24 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:26 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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**Additional Document**

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs57aad.pdf](#))**