

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 2, 2019 at 8:01 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 6, 3/28/2019; HB 7, 3/28/2019; HB 10, 3/28/2019; HB 9,
3/28/2019; HB 11, 3/29/19; HB 553, 3/29/2019; HB 5, 3/29/2019;
HB 652, 3/29/2019

08:02:42 Kris Willkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:04:47 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable Resource Grants.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:06:23 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

08:07:45 Rep. Mike Hopkins, HD 92

08:08:09 Lindsay Volpe, DNRC

08:11:29 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

08:11:51 Dan McGowan, executive director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

08:12:53 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems

08:13:23 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

08:14:03 David Bertelsen, Town of Wibaux

08:17:11 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:21:32 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:22:06 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 7, Reclamation & Development Grants.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:23:31 Rep. Mike Hopkins, HD 92

08:24:02 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

08:25:19 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

08:25:54 Heidi Anderson Fohnagy, DNRC

08:28:21 Dan McGowan, executive director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

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

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:29:50 Sen. Cuffe
 08:31:19 Sen. Ellis
 08:31:31 Sen. Lang
 08:32:02 Ms. Miller, DNRC
 08:32:26 Sen. Lang
 08:32:47 Ms. Miller
 08:33:02 Sen. Cuffe
 08:33:13 Ms. Miller
 08:33:19 Sen. Cuffe
 08:33:23 Ms. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

08:33:42 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:34:12 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 9, Cultural & Aesthetic Grants.

[Note: Bill hearing was postponed until after the hearing on HB 10]

HEARING ON HB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:35:48 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 10, Long-Range Information Technology Appropriations.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:40:36 Tom Livers, Office of Budget and Program Planning
 08:41:53 Tim Bottenfield, Department of Administration
 08:43:11 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited; also speaking for the Montana Sporting Coalition
 08:44:43 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:45:36 Butch Huseby, Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:46:02 Sen. Keenan
 08:46:30 Dustin Temple, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
 08:49:02 Sen. Keenan

08:49:15 Mr. Temple, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

08:49:53 Rep. Holmlund

HEARING ON HB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:50:43 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 9, Cultural & Aesthetic Grants.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:53:12 Kristin Burgoyne, Montana Arts Council

08:54:55 Rep. Mike Hopkins, HD 82

08:55:49 Pat Keim, Helena Symphony

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:57:23 Rep. Woods

HEARING ON HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:58:23 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure State Regional Water Program.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:59:27 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a08\)](#)

09:01:42 Tom Berry, commissioner, Musselshell County

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a09\)](#)

09:03:18 Rep. Mike Hopkins, HD 92

09:04:05 Michael Hoy, Dry Red Water Regional Authority

09:06:35 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

09:07:44 Jason Strouf, commissioner, Custer County

09:08:19 Jennifer Olson, Department of Commerce (DOC)

09:09:41 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems, Montana Contractors' Association, North Central Regional Water Authority

09:10:39 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water

09:11:43 Monty Sealey, Central Montana Regional Water Authority

09:21:42 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

09:22:18 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
 09:22:58 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:24:40 Sen. Cuffe
 09:25:15 Ms. Olson, DOC
 09:26:42 Ms. Miller, DNRC
 09:29:32 Sen. Ellis
 09:30:08 Ms. Miller
 09:31:19 Sen. Ellis
 09:31:43 Ms. Miller
 09:32:03 Sen. Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

09:32:49 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 553

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:33:59 Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 553,
 Generally revise infrastructure funding laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a10\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:39:48 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors' Association
 09:40:54 Riley Johnson, National Association of Independent Business

Opponents' Testimony:

09:41:46 Tom Livers, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Informational Testimony:

09:46:15 Russ Katherman, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of
 Administration

Questions

Committee Members and Responses:

09:46:41 Sen. Olszewski
 09:47:41 Rep. Moore
 09:48:24 Sen. Olszewski
 09:48:40 Rep. Moore
 09:48:52 Chair Smith
 09:49:01 Sen. Flowers
 09:49:21 Rep. Moore
 09:50:07 Sen. Flowers
 09:50:34 Rep. Moore
 09:50:56 Sen. Ellis
 09:51:18 Rep. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

09:51:42 Rep. Moore

HEARING ON HB 5**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:54:13 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-Range Building Appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:54:56 Rep. Mike Hopkins, HD 92

09:55:35 Bob Pavlovich, representing himself

09:56:43 Russ Katherman, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

09:57:25 Mike Lawson, veteran

10:00:05 Eileen Breb, veteran

10:02:38 Tom Goyette, veteran

10:05:45 Barbara Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services

10:07:06 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited; also speaking for the Montana Sporting Coalition

10:09:03 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(fcs68a11)

10:10:12 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors' Association

10:10:38 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive

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

10:11:34 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(fcs68a12)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:14:52 Sen. Sesso

10:15:43 Mr. Pavlovich, self

10:17:51 Sen. Sesso

10:18:10 Mr. Katherman, DOA

10:19:00 Sen. Sesso

10:19:24 Mr. Katherman

10:21:27 Sen. Sesso

10:22:16 Mr. Katherman

10:23:03 Ms. Duncan, LFD

10:25:25 Sen. Sesso

10:26:17 Sen. Lang

10:26:35 Mr. Katherman

10:26:50 Sen. Lang

10:27:08 Martha Williams, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

10:28:24 Sen. Lang

10:28:29 Ms. Williams, FWP

10:28:51 Sen. Cuffe

10:29:07 Ms. Williams
10:29:32 Sen. Cuffe
10:29:39 Ms. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

10:29:54 Rep. Keane

10:31:02 Recess
10:47:10 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 652**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:47:24 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 652, Revise the long range building bonding program.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a13\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

10:55:56 Tracy Ellig, Montana State University (MSU); and representing Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and Montana University System
11:02:31 Darryl James, executive director, Montana Infrastructure Coalition
[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a14\)](#)

11:05:51 Rep. Jim Keane, HD 73
11:08:18 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union
11:09:17 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students; student governments of Montana State University and University of Montana
11:10:51 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns
11:11:11 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors' Association; Montana Rural Water Association and speaking for Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
11:12:35 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties
11:13:07 Dan Ellison, Jefferson County
11:14:08 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business
11:14:35 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

11:17:27 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT\(fcs68a15\)](#)

11:17:32 Jennifer Olson, Department of Commerce
11:17:50 Russ Katherman, Architectural and Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:19:05 Sen. Keenan
11:19:24 Rep. Hopkins
11:20:11 Sen. Keenan
11:20:45 Rep. Hopkins

11:21:48 Sen. Lang
11:22:29 Mr. Ellig, MSU
11:22:54 Sen. Lang
11:23:15 Sen. Salomon
11:23:41 Mr. Ellig

Closing by Sponsor:

11:25:56 Rep. Hopkins

11:30:01 Chair Osmundson
11:30:07 Sen. Cuffe
11:31:15 Martha Williams, director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
11:32:21 Sen. Cuffe
11:32:27 Ms. Williams, FWP

EXHIBIT(fcs68a16)

11:32:41 Sen. Cuffe
11:33:08 John Tubbs, director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
(DNRC)
11:34:50 Sen. Cuffe
11:34:55 Mr. Tubbs, DNRC
11:35:53 Sen. Cuffe
11:36:22 Mr. Tubbs
11:37:03 Sen. Sesso

11:37:29 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:38 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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