

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 3, 2019 at 9:00 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 and date posted: HB 695, 3/29/2019; HB 669, 3/29/219; HB 684, 4/1/2019;  
HB 712, 3/29/2019; HB 713, 3/29/19; HB 714, 3/29/2019

Executive Action: HB 6; HB 7; HB 9; HB 11; HB 662; HB 669; HB 684; HB 688

**HEARING ON HB 695**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:05:51 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 695, Appropriate funds to FWP for recreation easement.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:08:31 Dustin Temple, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(fcs69a01)**

09:11:23 Angie Grove, director, State Parks and Recreation Board

09:11:56 John Tubbs, director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:14:24 Sen. Ellis

09:14:45 Mr. Temple, FWP

09:15:46 Sen. Ellis

09:15:53 Mr. Temple

09:16:11 Sen. Keenan

09:16:29 Rep. Keane

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:16:54 Rep. Keane

**HEARING ON HB 669**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:17:21 Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 669, Implement the provisions of section B of the general appropriations act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:19:26 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

09:20:04 Mitch Tropila, Easter Seals Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:22:28 Sen. Ellis

09:22:59 Rep. Moore

09:23:33 Chair Osmundson

09:23:51 Rep. Moore

09:26:11 Sen. Ellis

09:26:31 Rep. Moore

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:26:42 Rep. Moore

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

**HEARING ON HB 684**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:27:00 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 684, Implement provisions of HB2, Section D, subcommittee on justice system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:30:26 Liz Bangerter, Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:31:56 Bryan Lockerby, Department of Justice

09:32:20 Beth McLaughlin, court administer, Montana Supreme Court

09:33:04 Cynthia Wolken, deputy director, Department of Corrections

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:33:44 Sen. Webber

09:34:18 Ms. Bangerter, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:34:30 Rep. Regier

Chair Osmundson joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

**HEARING ON HB 712**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:35:52 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 712, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec C- Nat Resources, Transportation.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None:

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:37:01 Rep. Holmlund

**HEARING ON HB 713**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:37:06 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 713, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec C- Nat Resources, Transportation.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:37:21 Rep. Holmlund

**HEARING ON HB 714**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:37:31 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 714, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec C- Nat Resources, Transportation.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:37:49 Rep. Holmlund

09:38:15 Chair Osmundson

09:39:24 Sen. Ellis

09:39:38 Chair Osmundson

09:41:07 Recess

11:08:07 Reconvene

Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski, and Sen. Welborn were absent from the room.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6**

11:10:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 6 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 7**

11:11:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 7 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Sesso will carry the bill.

Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 9**

11:12:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 9 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 11**

11:13:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 11 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang and Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. Sen. Ankney will carry the bill.

Sen. Lang and Sen. Olszewski joined the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 662**

11:14:04 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 662 BE CONCURRED IN**.

11:14:12 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **HB 662 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs69a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:14:25 Sen. Salomon

11:14:54 Sen. Keenan

11:15:04 Sen. Salomon

11:15:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no.

11:15:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 662 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 669**

11:16:04 **Motion:** Sen. Sesso moved that **HB 669 BE CONCURRED IN**.

11:16:11 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **HB 669 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs69a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:16:23 Sen. Olszewski

11:17:17 Sen. Jacobson  
11:17:32 Chairman Osmundson  
11:17:41 Sen. Jacobson  
11:17:45 Chair Osmundson  
11:18:16 Sen. Ellis  
11:18:23 Chair Osmundson  
11:18:37 Sen. Ellis  
11:18:56 Chair Osmundson  
11:19:13 Sen. Smith  
11:19:44 Chair Osmundson  
11:19:51 Sen. Keenan  
11:20:43 Sen. Ellis  
11:21:02 Chair Osmundson  
11:21:15 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
11:21:36 Sen. Ellis  
11:22:03 Sen. Olszewski

11:22:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:22:49 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **HB 669 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs69a04)**

**Discussion:**

11:22:54 Sen. Olszewski  
11:24:14 Sen. Keenan  
11:24:37 Ms. Johnson, LSD

11:25:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no.

11:25:33 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 669 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:25:42 Sen. Ellis  
11:25:52 Chair Osmundson

11:26:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Olszewski will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 684**

11:26:20 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 684 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:26:44 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 684 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs69a05)**

**Discussion:**

11:26:46 Chair Osmundson

11:27:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:27:38 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 684 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs69a06\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:28:00 Chair Osmundson  
11:28:02 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
11:28:41 Sen. McConnell  
11:28:57 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
11:29:16 Sen. Sesso  
11:29:17 Ms. Wilkinson  
11:29:22 Sen. Sesso  
11:29:32 Ms. Wilkinson

11:29:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:29:47 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 684 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs69a07\)](#)

11:30:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:30:27 **Motion:** Sen. McNally moved that **HB 684 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs69a08\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:30:42 Sen. McNally  
11:31:00 Chair Osmundson

11:31:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:31:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 684 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 688**

11:32:14 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 688 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:32:31 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 688 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs69a09\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:32:59 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

11:33:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:33:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 688 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

11:34:09 Chair Osmundson

**Public Comment:** None

11:35:12 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:36 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs69aad.pdf](#))**