

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 5, 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 & Date Posted: HB 4, 4/1/2019; HB 8, 4/3/2019; HB 654, 4/1/2019; HB 716,  
4/1/2019

Executive Action: HB 433; HB 553

**HEARING ON HB 4**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:40:49 Rep. Carl Glimm, (R), HD 6, representing Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations by Budget Amendment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:45:22 Sue Daly, representing Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

15:48:48 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:50:24 Rep. Glimm

**HEARING ON HB 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:50:45 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable Resource Bonds & Loans.

**EXHIBIT(fcs71a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:51:48 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority, and representing Steve Wade, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority

15:52:27 Bob Church, Central Montana Regional Water Authority Project

15:52:56 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

15:53:31 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

15:55:10 Greg Mohr, Dry Red Water Water Authority

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:55:44 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division, LFD

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:56:41 Sen. Keenan

15:56:53 Ms. Miller, DNRC

15:57:46 Sen. Olszewski

15:58:15 Ms. Miller

15:58:47 Sen. Sesso

15:59:13 Ms. Miller

15:59:40 Sen. Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:59:58 Rep. Keane

**HEARING ON HB 654****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:01:00 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 654, Generally revise laws for funding of treatment courts.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:04:41 Jon Bennion, deputy attorney general, Department of Justice (DOJ)

16:07:58 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA), and representing Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association

16:09:28 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association

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

16:11:28 Sen. McConnell  
16:11:56 Rep. Brown  
16:12:30 Sen. McConnell  
16:12:41 Rep. Brown  
16:12:51 Mr. Bennion, DOJ  
16:13:22 Sen. McConnell  
16:13:40 Sen. Olszewski  
16:13:58 Rep. Brown  
16:15:05 Sen. Olszewski  
16:15:20 Mr. Bennion  
16:16:15 Sen. Ellis  
16:16:54 Mr. Bennion  
16:17:43 Sen. Flowers  
16:18:05 Mr. Bennion  
16:20:32 Sen. Flowers  
16:20:38 Mr. Bennion  
16:21:25 Sen. Lang  
16:21:49 Mr. Bennion  
16:22:13 Sen. Lang  
16:22:38 Mr. Bennion  
16:23:43 Chair Osmundson  
16:23:51 Mr. Griffin, MRA  
16:24:49 Sen. Cuffe  
16:25:19 Mr. Bennion  
16:25:41 Sen. Cuffe  
16:26:02 Mr. Bennion  
16:26:58 Sen. Keenan  
16:27:16 Chair Osmundson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:27:44 Rep. Brown

**HEARING ON HB 716**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:30:06 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 716, Developing an agreement with MUS and Idaho College of Medicine.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:32:36 Nikki Phillips, Benefis Health System

[EXHIBIT\(fcs71a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:34:28 Sen. Olszewski

16:35:00 Rep. Woods

16:35:49 Sen. Olszewski

16:35:59 Rep. Woods

16:36:24 Sen. Bogner

16:36:36 Rep. Woods

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:37:15 Rep. Woods

Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, and Sen. Webber left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433**

16:40:14 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 443 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:40:38 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 433 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs71a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:41:05 Chair Osmundson

16:41:37 Sen. McNally

16:41:55 Chair Osmundson

16:41:58 Sen. Flowers

16:42:10 Chair Osmundson

16:42:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Salomon and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Webber was excused.

16:43:05 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 433 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:43:21 Sen. Flowers  
 16:44:05 Sen. Kary  
 16:44:17 Chair Osmundson

16:44:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. McConnell, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Salomon, Sen. Webber and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Olszewski will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 553**

16:46:35 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 553 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:47:03 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 553 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs71a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:47:12 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 16:49:23 Sen. Ellis  
 16:50:02 Ms. Johnson, LSD

Sen. Ankney left the room.

16:50:23 Sen. Smith

16:50:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Webber and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy.

Sen. Ankney joined the meeting.

16:51:54 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 553 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:52:02 Sen. Sesso

16:53:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. Olszewski voting no. Sen. Salomon, Sen. Webber and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Smith will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:54 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs71aad.pdf](#))**