

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 8, 2019 at 8:01 A.M., 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 658, 4/5/2019; HB 21, 4/5/2019; HB 292, 4/3/2019; HB 295,  
4/3/2019; HB 773, 4/3/2019

Executive Action: HB 292; HB 695; HB 658

**HEARING ON HB 658****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:03:13 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 658, Generally revise healthcare laws and permanently expand Medicaid.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:06:59 Claudette Morton, public policy director, League of Women Voters  
**EXHIBIT(fcs73a01)**

08:08:33 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:10:01 Debbie Seely, representing herself

**EXHIBIT(fcs73a02)**

08:13:15 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

08:13:57 Stacey Anderson, policy director, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

08:15:22 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana

08:15:46 S.J. Howell, Montana Women Vote

08:16:14 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

08:16:55 Rep. Mary Caferro, HD 81

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:17:36 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

08:18:26 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana, and representing Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

**Informational Testimony:**

08:19:04 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

08:19:17 Galen Hollenbaugh, commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:19:35 Sen. Keenan

08:21:44 Chair Osmundson

08:21:50 Sen. Keenan

08:22:35 Ms. Johnston, DPHHS

08:23:54 Sen. Keenan

08:23:56 Rep. Buttrey

08:24:28 Sen. Keenan

08:26:23 Ms. Johnston

08:26:31 Chair Osmundson

08:27:17 Sen. Keenan

08:27:36 Ms. Johnston

08:31:18 Sen. Keenan

08:31:31 Ms. Johnston

08:31:36 Sen. Keenan

08:31:46 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:32:10 Sen. Keenan

08:32:17 Ms. Johnson, LSD

08:32:26 Chair Osmundson

08:32:30 Sen. Keenan

08:33:12 Ms. Johnston  
08:34:45 Sen. Keenan  
08:34:48 Ms. Johnston  
08:41:41 Sen. Keenan  
08:42:58 Mr. Olsen, MHA  
08:53:07 Sen. Keenan  
08:53:40 Mr. Olsen  
08:55:49 Sen. Keenan  
08:56:14 Rep. Buttrey  
08:57:07 Sen. Keenan  
08:57:57 Ms. Johnston  
08:58:27 Sen. Keenan  
08:59:40 Chair Osmundson  
08:59:52 Sen. Keenan  
08:01:37 Rep. Buttrey  
09:02:45 Sen. Sesso  
09:02:49 Ms. Johnston  
09:08:43 Sen. Sesso  
09:08:49 Ms. Johnston  
09:09:10 Sen. Sesso  
09:10:04 Rep. Buttrey  
09:11:58 Sen. Sesso  
09:12:42 Rep. Buttrey  
09:15:20 Sen. Sesso  
09:16:11 Ms. Anderson, MPCA  
09:17:17 Sen. Sesso  
09:18:00 Rep. Buttrey  
09:18:46 Sen. Sesso  
09:19:00 Rep. Buttrey  
09:19:52 Sen. Ellis  
09:20:46 Rep. Buttrey  
09:22:08 Sen. Cuffe  
09:22:25 Rep. Buttrey  
09:23:06 Sen. Flowers  
09:23:28 Ms. Johnston  
09:24:11 Sen. Flowers  
09:24:21 Ms. Johnston  
09:24:52 Sen. Flowers  
09:25:11 Sen. Lang  
09:25:44 Mr. Olsen  
09:26:26 Sen. Lang  
09:27:02 Mr. Olsen  
09:30:08 Sen. Cuffe  
09:31:20 Mr. Olsen  
09:34:25 Sen. Cuffe  
09:35:09 Mr. Olsen  
09:35:56 Sen. Keenan  
09:37:35 Chair Osmundson  
09:37:42 Sen. Keenan  
09:38:37 Ms. Johnston

09:38:45 Sen. Keenan  
 09:39:53 Ms. Johnston  
 09:40:08 Sen. Keenan  
 09:41:32 Sen. Sesso  
 09:42:23 Mr. Olsen  
 09:43:27 Sen. Keenan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:43:54 Sen. Buttrey  
  
 09:47:05 Sen. Olszewski speaking for John Harwood, Joliet (proponent)

**HEARING ON HB 21**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:48:03 Rep. Rae Peppers (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 21, Establishing "Hanna's Act".

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:50:02 Liz Bangerter, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
 09:50:42 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association  
 09:51:25 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)  
 09:51:52 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote  
 09:53:22 Sydney Barry, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
 09:53:47 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association  
 09:54:12 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians  
 09:54:53 Jason Smith, director of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office  
 09:55:09 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:56:39 Sen. McConnell  
 09:57:07 Rep. Peppers  
 09:57:16 Sen. McConnell  
 09:57:49 Ms. Bangerter, DOJ  
 10:00:05 Sen. McConnell  
 10:00:25 Ms. Bangerter  
 10:01:16 Sen. Ankney  
 10:01:36 Rep. Peppers  
 10:01:58 Sen. Ellis  
 10:02:27 Chair Osmundson  
 10:02:57 Sen. Lang  
 10:03:21 Ms. Bangerter  
 10:04:21 Sen. Sesso  
 10:05:11 Ms. Bangerter  
 10:06:34 Sen. Sesso  
 10:07:20 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

10:08:04 Sen. Sesso  
10:08:27 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:08:35 Rep. Peppers

**HEARING ON HB 292****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:09:14 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 292, Extend funding to Coal Board.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:12:58 Jim Atchison, executive director, Southeastern Montana Development

[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a04\)](#)

10:14:53 Bob Gilbert, Counties of Musselshell, Rosebud and Phillips, Cities of Colstrip and Glendive  
10:16:28 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties  
10:17:01 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
10:17:45 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties  
10:18:19 Ed Bartlett, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:18:48 Tom Livers, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:19:44 Sen. Ellis  
10:20:07 Rep. Usher  
10:20:18 Sen. Sesso  
10:20:57 Mr. Livers, OBPP  
10:21:37 Sen. Sesso  
10:22:36 Rep. Usher  
10:24:24 Sen. Sesso  
10:24:56 Rep. Usher  
10:25:08 Sen. Ankney  
10:26:11 Mr. Livers  
10:27:22 Sen. Ankney  
10:27:41 Mr. Livers  
10:28:16 Sen. Sesso  
10:29:20 Mr. Livers  
10:29:54 Sen. Ankney

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:30:20 Rep. Usher

[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a05\)](#)

**HEARING ON HB 295**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:32:46 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 295, Create grant program to encourage work-based learning.

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a06\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:35:43 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a07\)](#)**

10:36:55 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:38:10 Jim Atchison, executive director, Southeastern Montana Development

10:39:03 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors' Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:40:11 Tom Livers, Office of Budget and Program Planning

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:41:04 Sen. Salomon

10:41:37 Rep. Anderson

10:42:44 Sen. Ellis

10:43:38 Rep. Anderson

10:44:51 Sen. Cuffe

10:45:43 Rep. Anderson

10:46:00 Sen. Cuffe

10:46:11 Rep. Anderson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:48:28 Rep. Anderson

**HEARING ON HB 773**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:49:00 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 773, Modifying entitlement share payments.

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a08\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:53:24 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

10:56:29 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

11:01:36 Bob Kelly, mayor, City of Great Falls, chair, MLCT

11:02:29 Shelby DeMars, Montana Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

11:03:28 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:07:50 Sen. Cuffe  
 11:09:14 Rep. Regier  
 11:09:54 Sen. Cuffe  
 11:10:41 Rep. Regier  
 11:10:59 Sen. Ellis  
 11:11:42 Ms. Jones, MCAA  
 11:12:24 Sen. Salomon  
 11:12:59 Rep. Regier  
 11:13:48 Sen. McConnell  
 11:14:21 Ms. Jones  
 11:15:57 Sen. McConnell  
 11:16:58 Ms. Jones  
 11:18:12 Sen. McConnell  
 11:18:27 Sen. Keenan  
 11:18:56 Sen. McConnell  
 11:19:00 Sen. Keenan  
 11:19:21 Sen. McConnell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:21:54 Rep. Regier

11:23:02 Recess

Sen. McNally left the meeting.

11:51:10 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 292**

11:51:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 292 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. McConnell voting no. Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Bill moves to third reading in the Senate.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 695**

11:52:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 695 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 658**

11:53:22 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 658 BE CONCURRED IN**.

11:53:31 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **HB 658 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a09\)](#)

**Discussion:**

1153.41 Sen. Olszewski

11:54:28 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Keenan made a Substitute Motion **TO SEGREGATE AMENDMENTS 1-8 from 9-28.**

**Discussion:**

11:55:04 Sen. Keenan  
11:55:34 Chair Osmundson

11:55:43 Sen Keenan withdrew his substitute motion.

11:55:54 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Keenan made a Substitute Motion **TO SEGREGATE AMENDMENTS 3-7 from 1 and 2 and 8-28.**

**Discussion:**

11:56:26 Chair Osmundson  
11:56:48 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
11:57:31 Sen. Keenan  
11:58:43 Chair Osmundson  
11:59:00 Sen. Keenan  
11:59:06 Chair Osmundson  
11:59:20 Sen. Olszewski  
12:00:45 Sen. Sesso

12:01:00 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Webber and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

12:03:19 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **HB 658 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENTS 1, 2 and 8-28 .**

**Discussion:**

12:03:39 Sen. Olszewski

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

12:04:27 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **HB 658 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENTS 3-7.**

12:04:44 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Keenan made a Substitute Motion that **HB 658 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a10\)](#)

**Discussion:**

12:05:48 Chair Osmundson  
12:05:59 Sen. Keenan  
12:06:34 Sen. Sesso  
12:08:25 Sen. Keenan

12:09:05 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

12:10:02 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 658 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

12:10:14 Sen. Keenan

12:12:22 Sen. Sesso

12:17:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Howard, Sen. Kary, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Sen. Small will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:17 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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**Additional Document:**

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs73aad.pdf](#))**