

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 10, 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 715, 4/5/2019; HB 52, 4/5/2019; HB 567, 4/9/2019

Executive Action: HB 567; HB 10; HB 5

HEARING ON HB 715

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:19 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 715, Generally revise laws related to state finance and provide for fiscal studies.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:11:01 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

09:13:10 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

09:14:28 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:22:45 Sen. McConnell

09:23:07 Rep. Jones

09:31:45 Sen. McConnell

09:31:53 Rep. Jones

09:32:01 Chair Osmundson

09:32:10 Sen. McConnell

09:32:24 Sen. Ellis

09:33:01 Rep. Jones

09:37:07 Sen. Ellis

09:37:37 Rep. Jones

09:37:49 Chair Osmundson

09:37:58 Sen. Ellis

09:38:09 Chair Osmundson

09:38:17 Sen. Keenan

09:38:30 Rep. Jones

09:41:57 Sen. Keenan

09:42:19 Rep. Jones

09:42:32 Sen. McConnell

09:43:21 Rep. Jones

09:44:55 Sen. Sesso

09:46:01 Rep. Jones

09:47:18 Sen. Sesso

09:48:15 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

09:50:27 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 52**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:50:55 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 52, Revise funding for various economic development programs.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:53:29 Ben Thomas, director, Department of Agriculture (AGR)
09:56:53 Tara Rice, director, Department of Commerce (DOC)
10:00:59 Steve Arveschoug, Montana Economic Developers Association
10:02:45 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties
10:03:43 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns
10:04:40 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip, City of Glendive
10:05:24 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association
10:06:06 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
10:06:36 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union
10:07:05 Sarah Converse, director, North Central Montana Economic Development District
10:07:32 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:08:26 Sen. Flowers
10:08:43 Rep. Keane
10:09:01 Sen. Flowers
10:09:39 Ms. Rice, DOC
10:11:23 Sen. Keenan
10:11:43 Ms. Rice
10:12:02 Sen. Sesso
10:12:52 Rep. Keane
10:13:09 Sen. Sesso
10:13:22 Mr. Thomas
10:13:35 Cindy Trimp, AGR
10:14:33 Sen. Sesso
10:15:31 Ms. Trimp
10:15:44 Sen. Olszewski
10:16:28 Ms. Trimp

Closing by Sponsor:

10:16:58 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 567**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:17:37 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 567, Establish Montana school marshal program.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:19:18 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association (MSBA)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:23:06 Paulette Kohman, representing herself

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

10:26:49 Sen. Salomon
10:27:12 Mr. Melton, MSBA
10:29:02 Sen. Flowers
10:29:45 Mr. Melton
10:30:19 Sen. Flowers
10:30:55 Mr. Melton
10:32:27 Sen. Flowers
10:33:52 Rep. Skees

Closing by Sponsor:

10:34:48 Rep. Skees

10:36:43 Recess
11:34:23 Reconvene

Sen. Keenan and Sen. Sesso were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 567

11:35:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 567 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Keenan and Sen. Sesso voted by proxy. HB 567 moves to third reading in the Senate.

Sen. Sesso joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 10

11:37:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 10 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Sen. Keenan was excused. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 5

11:37:49 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 5 BE CONCURRED IN**.

11:37:58 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a06\)](#)

Discussion:

11:38:03 Chair Osmundson
11:40:00 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
11:40:22 Sen. Sesso
11:41:41 Chair Osmundson
11:41:43 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:42:24 Chair Osmundson
11:42:35 Sen. Cuffe
11:42:54 Sen. Sesso
11:44:28 Sen. Smith

11:45:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. McConnell, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

11:46:34 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a07\)](#)

Discussion:

11:46:55 Ms. Johnson, LSD

11:47:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

11:47:30 **Motion:** Sen. Sesso moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a08\)](#)

Discussion:

11:48:35 Sen. Sesso

11:49:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

11:49:38 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a09\)](#)

Discussion:

11:51:42 Sen. Lang
11:51:14 Sen. Sesso
11:52:57 Sen. Lang

11:53:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. McConnell, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Webber and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

11:54:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 5 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 18-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Keenan was excused. Sen. Sesso will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

11:55:47 Chair Osmundson
11:56:31 Sen. Lang
11:56:40 Chair Osmundson
11:56:46 Sen. Cuffe
11:56:52 Chair Osmundson
11:56:54 Sen. Sesso
11:57:09 Chair Osmundson
11:57:40 Sen. McNally
11:57:42 Chair Osmundson
11:57:56 Sen. Ellis
11:58:08 Chair Osmundson
11:58:24 Sen. Ellis
11:58:27 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:58 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs75aad.pdf](#))