

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 12, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 373, 3/9/2021; HB 374, 3/9/2021; HB 425, 3/9/2021; SB 323, 3/9/2021

Executive Action: SB 297 Do Pass; SB 335 Do Pass; SB 370 Do Pass; HB 13 Be Concurred In; HB 373 Be Concurred In; HB 374 Be Concurred In; HB 425 Be Concurred In

09:00:44 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 373

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:56 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB373, Revise natural resources operations fund, provide transfer.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:04:15 Amy Sassano, deputy budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

09:05:07 Chris Dorrington, director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

09:06:10 Amanda Kaster, director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:07:43 Mark Bostrom, administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division, DNRC

09:08:05 Patricia Greiberis, chief financial officer, DNRC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:08:33 Sen. Ellis

09:09:29 Sen. Holmlund

09:09:52 Sen. Howard

09:10:13 Sen. Holmlund

09:10:53 Sen. Cuffe

09:11:17 Sen. Holmlund

09:11:37 Sen. Cuffe

09:12:08 Sen. Holmlund

09:12:58 Sen. Glimm

09:13:30 Mr. Dorrington, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:46 Rep. Holmlund

HEARING ON HB 374

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:17:08 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB374, Amend Coal Severance Tax SSR accounts, provide transfers.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:20:42 Amy Sassano, deputy budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

09:21:50 Amanda Kaster, director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

09:25:42 Rebecca Boslough, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

09:27:06 Jeff Ryan, chairman, Lewis and Clark Conservation District

EXHIBIT(fcs50a01)

- 09:30:08 Sen. Howard left the meeting.
- 09:32:33 Dan Rostad, Big Timber, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council
[EXHIBIT\(fcs50a02\)](#)
- 09:35:57 Mark Thompson, supervisor, Sweetgrass Conservation District
- 09:37:08 Sen. Glimm left the meeting.
- 09:37:24 Sen. Cuffe left the meeting.
- 09:38:52 Stuart Stenberg, supervisor, Sweetgrass Conservation District; member, Boulder River Watershed Association
[EXHIBIT\(fcs50a03\)](#)
- 09:43:16 Jim Simpson, president, Montana Association of Conservation Districts
- 09:44:44 Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs50a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

- 09:47:27 Mark Bostrom, administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division, DNRC
- 09:48:13 Patricia Griebner, chief financial officer, DNRC
- 09:48:30 Sen. Glimm joined the meeting.
- 09:48:37 Malissa Briggs, central services manager, State Library

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 09:49:03 Sen. Ellis
- 09:49:26 Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.
- 09:49:53 Amy Sassano, OBPP
- 09:50:20 Sen. Ellis
- 09:50:58 Ms. Sassano
- 09:51:31 Sen. Glimm
- 09:52:38 Ms. Kaster, DNRC
- 09:52:58 Chair Osmundson

Closing by Sponsor:

- 09:53:23 Rep. Holmlund
- 09:54:23 Sen. Keenan and Sen. Glimm left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 425**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:54:21 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB425, Generally revise crime victim compensation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:55:50 Holley Johnson, program manager, Crime Victim Compensation, Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:57:26 Rep. Schillinger

09:58:05 Sen. Ellis

09:58:42 Chair Osmundson

09:59:21 Sen. Solomon

09:59:27 Sen. Ellis

10:00:26 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON SB 323

The hearing on SB 323 was rescheduled for 3/16/2021.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 297

10:01:29 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 297 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:01:53 Sen. Ellis

10:02:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Lynch and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Glimm and Sen. Howard voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 335

10:04:47 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 335 DO PASS.**

10:04:56 Sen. Howard joined the meeting.

Discussion:

10:05:20 Sen. Ellis

10:07:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers and Sen. McNally voting no. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Glimm voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 370

10:07:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 370 DO PASS**. Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis voting no. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Glimm voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 13

10:08:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 13 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 14-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Glimm voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 373

10:10:39 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 373 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:10:55 Sen. Lang

10:11:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Glimm voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 374

10:11:54 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 374 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:12:16 Sen. Lang

10:12:44 Sen. Ankney

10:13:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Glimm voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 425

10:13:54+ **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 425 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Glimm voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan was excused. Sen. Boldman will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

10:15:17 Chair Osmundson

10:15:35 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

10:16:02 Chair Osmundson

10:16:43 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

10:17:11 Chair Osmundson

10:17:21 Ms. Wilkinson
10:17:29 Chair Osmundson
10:18:20 Sen. Ellis
10:18:35 Chair Osmundson
10:19:28 Sen. Ankney
10:19:38 Sen. Jacobson
10:19:51 Chair Osmundson
10:20:29 Sen. Ankney
10:20:35 Chair Osmundson
10:20:39 Ms. Wilkinson
10:21:01 Chair Osmundson
10:21:05 Sen. Ellis
10:21:27 Ms. Wilkinson
10:21:59 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:22 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs50aad.pdf](#))