

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Sen. John Esp-R, on February 13, 2023 at 3:02 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Walsh, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 28 02/09/2023
HB 185 02/09/2023
SB 28 02/09/2023
SB 225 02/09/2023

Executive Action:

HB 15 BE CONCURRED IN
SB 182 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 183 TO TABLE
HB 28 BE CONCURRED IN

15:03:48

Sen. Pope has left

HEARING ON SB 225 - Require DEQ refund fees for subdivision review extensions

Opening Statement:

15:03:57 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 225, Require DEQ refund fees for subdivision review extensions.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:05:19 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

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15:06:34 Sen. Bartel has arrived

15:06:47 Sen. Morigeau has arrived

15:07:22 Sen. Lynch has arrived

15:07:59 Sen. Lang has arrived

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:09:41 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:09:54 Sen. Carl Glimm-R

15:10:10 Sen. Ellie Boldman

15:10:46 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

15:13:47 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:14:10 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

15:14:38 Sen. John Esp

15:15:08 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

15:16:53 Sen. Ryan Lynch

15:17:18 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

15:17:27 Sen. John Esp

15:17:42 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

15:17:56 Sen. Ryan Lynch

15:18:05 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

15:19:01 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:19:17 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

Closing Statement:

15:19:49 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 225.

HEARING ON HB 28 - Increase legislator per diem reimbursements for lodging and meals

Opening Statement:

15:23:35 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 28,
Increase legislator per diem reimbursements for lodging and meals.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:30:10 Angie Carter, Legislative Branch

Questions from Committee:

15:30:31 Sen. Tom McGillvray

15:30:58 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen-R

Closing Statement:

15:31:18 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R), HD 34, closed the hearing on HB 28.

HEARING ON SB 28 - Provide funding for conservation districts

Opening Statement:

15:32:50 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 28, Provide
funding for conservation districts.

15:35:37 Sen. Welborn has arrived

Proponent Testimony:

15:36:48 Rebecca Boslough-King, Montana Association of Conservation Districts
(MACD)

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[EXHIBIT\(230213FCSa3\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230213FCSa4\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230213FCSa5\)](#)

15:42:01 Steve Wanderaas, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

15:45:14 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)

15:46:21 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:47:12 Sen. Lynch has left.

15:47:21 Jasmine Crotkov, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

15:48:57 Jim Simpson, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

15:50:06 Steve Hertel, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:51:53 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

15:51:42 Sen. Mandeville has arrived

Questions from Committee:

15:52:32 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:53:05 Mark Bostrom, DNRC

Closing Statement:

15:54:01 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, closed the hearing on SB 28.

HEARING ON HB 185 - Increase appropriation to MSU Fire Service Training School

Opening Statement:

15:57:21 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 185, Increase appropriation to MSU Fire Service Training School.

Discussion:

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[EXHIBIT\(230213FCSa7\)](#)

16:00:36 Sen. Glimm has left

Proponent Testimony:

16:03:19 Chris Hindoién, Fire Services Training School (FSTS)

16:04:59 Lyn Stimpson, Montana City Volunteer Fire Department (MCVFD)

16:06:19 Jon Campbell, City of Helena Fire Department (HFD)

16:07:53 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)

16:08:54 Carter Marsh, Montana Firemen's Association (MFA)

16:11:12 Bill Perrin, Fire Service Training School (FSTS)

16:13:28 Sen. Boldman has left

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:14:36 Shauna Lyons, Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE)

16:15:01 John Culbertson, Fire Services Training School (FSTS)

Questions from Committee:

16:15:36 Sen. John Esp
16:16:13 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R
16:16:59 Sen. Mike Cuffe
16:17:26 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R
16:18:48 Shauna Lyons, CHE
16:19:22 Sen. Mike Cuffe
16:19:41 Shauna Lyons, CHE
16:20:42 Sen. Tom McGillvray
16:21:05 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R
16:21:30 Shauna Lyons, CHE
16:21:58 Sen. Dennis Lenz
16:22:22 John Culbertson, FSTS
16:22:47 Sen. John Esp
16:23:08 Shauna Lyons, CHE

Closing Statement:

16:23:59 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 185.

16:27:58 Recessed
16:42:32 Reconvened
16:42:32 Sen. Fuller has left
16:42:39 Sen. Flowers has arrived
16:42:46 Sen. Bogner has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 15 - Implement K-12 Inflation

16:42:53 **Motion:** Sen. Tom McGillvray moved that **HB 15 BE CONCURRED IN.**
16:42:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:42:53 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 182 - Create task force on a court system for dependency and neglect cases

16:43:51 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 182 DO PASS.**
16:44:02 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 182 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:44:19 Sen. Dennis Lenz
16:44:55 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:44:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:46:30 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 182 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:46:41 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 182 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:46:56 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:46:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:48:45 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 182 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:48:55 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:48:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 183 - Provide for jury trials in cases involving termination of parental rights

16:49:58 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 183 DO PASS.**

16:50:15 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Dan Bartel moved that **SB 183 TO TABLE.**

16:50:15 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 28 - Increase legislator per diem reimbursements for lodging and meals

16:51:19 **Motion:** Sen. Tom McGillvray moved that **HB 28 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:51:29 Sen. Pat Flowers

16:51:31 Sen. John Esp

16:51:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:51:19 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. John Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:53:47

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230213FCSaad\)](#)