

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. John Esp-R, on February 16, 2023 at 3:05 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. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (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 3 02/14/2023
SB 226 02/14/2023
SB 227 02/14/2023
SB 229 02/14/2023

Executive Action:

HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 185 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 229 - Reimburse counties for actual witness costs

Opening Statement:

15:06:24 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 229, Reimburse counties for actual witness costs.

Proponent Testimony:

15:07:33 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

15:07:54 Sen. Daniel Salomon joined the meeting.

15:08:00 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:08:18 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.

15:09:50 Dan Guzynski, Prosecution Services Bureau (PSB)

15:10:59 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.

15:11:26 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:13:52 Sen. Carl Glimm

15:14:08 Dan Guzynski, PSB

15:14:54 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:15:53 Sen. Barry Usher-R

15:17:00 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

15:18:06 Sen. John Esp

15:18:31 Dan Guzynski, PSB

15:20:45 Sen. Ellie Boldman

15:21:24 Dan Guzynski, PSB

Closing Statement:

15:22:45 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 229.

HEARING ON HB 3 - Supplemental Appropriations Bill

Opening Statement:

15:23:45 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 3, Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

Proponent Testimony:

15:29:44 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

15:31:09 Will Selph, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:32:09 Becky Schlauch, Alcohol and Beverage Control Division (ABCD)
15:32:25 Jay Phillips, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
15:32:40 Brett Schandelson, Office of Public Defender (OPD)
15:32:59 Natalie Smithson, Department of Corrections (DOC)
15:33:17 Janae Grotbo, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
15:33:41 Molly Kruckenbergh, Montana Historical Society (MHS)
15:33:59 Kristen Burgoyne, Montana Arts Council (MAC)
15:34:15 Kristan Barbour, Department of Revenue (DOR)
15:34:36 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee:

15:07:22 Sen. Lynch has arrived
15:07:53 Sen. Lang has arrived
15:23:59 Sen. Lynch has left
15:24:31 Sen. Bogner has left
15:35:18 Sen. Christopher Pope
15:35:49 Rep. Llew Jones-R
15:36:44 Sen. Carl Glimm
15:37:11 Kristen Burgoyne, MAC
15:38:45 Sen. Carl Glimm
15:39:11 Amy Sassano, OBPP
15:40:38 Sen. Ellie Boldman
15:41:08 Rep. Llew Jones-R
15:43:15 Sen. Ellie Boldman
15:43:59 Amy Sassano, OBPP
15:45:38 Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:45:55 Brett Schandelson, OPD
15:47:35 Sen. John Esp
15:47:43 Brett Schandelson, OPD
15:48:20 Sen. Ellie Boldman
15:49:03 Brett Schandelson, OPD

Closing Statement:

15:50:16 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, closed the hearing on HB 3.

HEARING ON SB 226 - Allow for subdivision reviews by independent reviewing entities

Opening Statement:

15:52:05 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SB 226, Allow for subdivision reviews by independent reviewing entities.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:54:58 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:00:21 Rachel Clark, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

16:00:59 Sen. Carl Glimm
16:01:52 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
16:04:54 Sen. Tom McGillvray
16:05:19 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
16:05:52 Sen. John Esp
16:06:09 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
16:06:49 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
16:07:52 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
16:08:30 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:09:09 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
16:09:59 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
16:10:26 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:11:09 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
16:13:50 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
16:14:54 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:15:15 Sen. Mike Lang
16:15:50 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
16:16:48 Sen. John Esp
16:17:13 Chris Dorrington, DEQ
16:19:19 Sen. Christopher Pope
16:20:07 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

Closing Statement:

16:21:05 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SB 226.
16:22:55 Sen. Glimm has left

HEARING ON SB 227 - Allow DEQ to pre-certify subdivision applicants

Opening Statement:

16:25:16 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SB 227, Allow DEQ to pre-certify subdivision applicants.

16:26:46 Sen. Vance has left

Proponent Testimony:

16:27:11 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponent Testimony:

16:28:23 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:30:31 Rachel Clark, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

16:31:17 Sen. John Esp

16:31:34 Sen. Boldman has left

16:32:33 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:35:16 Sen. John Esp

16:35:37 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

16:36:33 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:36:37 Sen. Bartel has arrived

16:37:26 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

16:40:58 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

16:41:14 Sen. Christopher Pope

16:41:27 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

16:41:39 Sen. John Esp

16:41:46 Sen. Morigeau has left

16:42:10 Sen. Forrest Mandeville-R

Closing Statement:

16:46:22 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SB 227.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 3 - Supplemental Appropriations Bill

16:49:01 **Motion:** Sen. Tom McGillvray moved that **HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:49:19 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:49:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:49:01 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Salomon

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

16:50:33 **Motion:** Sen. Tom McGillvray moved that **HB 185 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:50:54 **Motion:** Sen. Tom McGillvray moved that **HB 185 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:51:06 Sen. John Esp

16:51:35 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:52:32 Sen. John Esp

16:52:53 Sen. Mike Lang

16:53:29 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:53:40 Sen. John Esp

16:53:58 Sen. Daniel Salomon

16:50:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:54:57 **Motion:** Sen. Tom McGillvray moved that **HB 185 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:54:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:54:57 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:57:03

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230216FCSaad\)](#)