

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

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on March 01, 2023 at 8:31 AM, 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. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 232 02/28/2023
SB 294 02/28/2023
SJ 18 03/01/2023

Executive Action:

SJ 18 RESOLUTION ADOPTED
SB 460 TO TABLE
SB 232 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 294 - Establish the end of watch trust

Opening Statement:

08:33:00 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 294, Establish the end of watch trust.

Proponent Testimony:

08:34:12 Jessie Luther, Montana Association of Montana Troopers (MAMT)

08:34:46 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

08:35:42 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

08:36:19 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

08:36:48 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:37:43 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)

08:37:54 Beth Thompson, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee:

08:38:14 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:38:37 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

08:38:42 Sen. Barry Usher-R

08:41:21 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

08:41:34 Sen. Barry Usher-R

08:42:07 Chair John Esp

08:42:11 Sen. Barry Usher-R
08:44:55 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.
08:46:45 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
08:47:24 Sen. Barry Usher-R
08:49:01 Sen. Mike Cuffe
08:49:07 Sen. Barry Usher-R
08:49:30 Chair John Esp

Closing Statement:

08:50:24 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 294.

HEARING ON SB 232 - Provide for deadlines to respond to public information requests

Opening Statement:

08:51:44 Vice Chair Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 232, Provide for deadlines to respond to public information requests.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:59:13 Don Harris, Department of Administration (DOA)
08:59:28 Rebecca Harbage, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

08:59:59 Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:00:27 Don Harris, DOA

09:01:13 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
09:01:21 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
09:04:04 Chair John Esp
09:04:12 Rebecca Harbage, DEQ
09:04:56 Sen. Dan Bartel
09:05:12 Don Harris, DOA

Closing Statement:

09:06:33 Vice Chair Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, closed the hearing on SB 232.

HEARING ON SJ 18 - Joint resolution recognizing MT 163rd Infantry Regiment

Opening Statement:

09:07:49 Sen. John Fuller (R), SD 8, opened the hearing on SJ 18, Joint resolution recognizing MT 163rd Infantry Regiment.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:09:25 Sen. Daniel Salomon
09:09:41 Sen. John Fuller-R
09:09:57 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
09:10:09 Sen. John Fuller-R
09:10:19 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:10:39 Sen. John Fuller-R

09:11:38 Chair John Esp

Closing Statement:

09:12:12 Sen. John Fuller (R), SD 8, closed the hearing on SJ 18.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 18 - Joint resolution recognizing MT 163rd Infantry Regiment

09:14:07 **Motion:** Sen. John Fuller moved that **SJ 18 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

16:34:15 Sen. Mike Lang

09:14:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 460 - Revise election administrator laws

09:16:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 DO PASS.**

09:16:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:16:48 Sen. Daniel Salomon

09:17:04 Sen. Shelley Vance

09:17:27 Sen. Daniel Salomon

09:18:04 Sen. Shelley Vance

09:16:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:18:48 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:18:57 Sen. Pat Flowers

09:19:44 Sen. Daniel Salomon

09:19:52 Sen. Shelley Vance

09:23:39 Chair John Esp

09:24:03 Sen. Shelley Vance

- 09:25:00 Sen. Mike Cuffe
- 09:27:17 Sen. Daniel Salomon
- 09:28:01 Chair John Esp
- 09:28:33 Sen. Daniel Salomon
- 09:29:14 Sen. John Fuller
- 09:30:00 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
- 09:31:05 Chair John Esp
- 09:31:20 Sen. Daniel Salomon
- 09:31:49 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 09:32:49 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
- 09:31:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Lenz, Sen. Vance, voting no.
- 09:34:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 09:34:27 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
- 09:35:06 Chair John Esp
- 09:34:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Esp, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Vance, Sen. Welborn, voting no.
Sen. Bogner, By Proxy
- 09:38:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 RECONSIDER ACTION.**
- Discussion:**
- 09:40:40 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.
- 09:40:57 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.
- 09:38:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:41:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 460 TO TABLE.**
- 09:41:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 232 - Provide for deadlines to respond to public information requests

09:42:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SB 232 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:42:31 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

09:42:35 Sen. Dan Bartel joined the meeting.

09:42:42 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:43:19 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:43:59 Chair John Esp

09:44:11 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:44:25 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

09:45:30 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:42:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:47:56

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230301FCSaad\)](#)