

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MARK E. NOENNIG**, on March 3, 2005 at 3:45 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark E. Noennig, Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Emelie Eaton (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Bernie Olson (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Christopher Harris (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

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: SB 20, 2/23/2005; SB 32, 2/23/2005;
SB 175, 2/23/2005
Executive Action: SB 20

HEARING ON SB 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. GLENN ROUSH (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on **SB 20**, Revise law concerning municipal water rights.

00:00:30

[EXHIBIT\(loh47a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:24 William McCauley, Water Commissioner Cut Bank

[EXHIBIT\(loh47a02\)](#)

00:08:47 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:09:27 Sarah Bond, City of Cut Bank

00:10:47 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:18 Jack Stalts, Department of Natural Resources Water
Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:42

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:19

HEARING ON SB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BRENT CROMLEY (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on **SB 32**, Include minor sidewalk repair in street maintenance districts.

00:18:06

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:32 Dave Mumford, Public Works Director in Billings

00:21:17 Shirley McDermott, City of Billings

00:22:13 Vince Guegamer, City of Billings

00:22:31 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:24:07 Bob Worthington, Montana Municipal Insurance
Authority

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:13

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:56

HEARING ON SB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BRENT CROMLEY (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on **SB 175,**
Allow zoning classification as street maintenance assessment
method.

00:36:27

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:24 Dave Mumford, City of Billings
00:39:50 Shirley McDermott, Billings City Council
00:40:54 Vince Guegamer, City of Billings
00:41:34 Alec Hansen, League of City and Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:39

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:28

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 20

Motion/Vote: REP. JOPEK moved that SB 20 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS. HARRIS AND MAEDJE voted
by proxy. (REP. LANGE to carry in House)

Motion/Vote: REP. HENRY moved that SB 20 BE PLACED ON THE
CONSENT CALENDAR. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REPS.
HARRIS AND MAEDJE voted by proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

REP. MARK E. NOENNIG, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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